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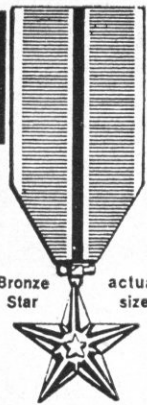
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Seeks Information

As an official German military historian, I am requesting research material dealing with the United States occupation of Germany after World War II—letters, reports and diaries.—*Dr. K.D. Henke, Institut fuer Zeitgeschichte, Leonrodstrasse, 46 b, 8000 Munich, 19, Federal Republic of Germany.*

Join VFW

All veterans need to band together as never before. Hopefully, the Vietnam veterans will see this truth and join the VFW before all their, and our, rights have been stripped away by the many anti-veteran elements in today's society. This, of course, includes those lawmakers and what have you in all the high places who are as mixed up, confused, and brainwashed as their constituents regarding what it means to qualify for membership in this organization.—*Charles Ong, 207 S. Washington, Plainville, Kans. 67663.*

Exposed to Agent Orange? Call VA for Testing

The VFW advises that every Vietnam veteran who thinks he was exposed to Agent Orange during the fighting in Southeast Asia call the VA for an examination.

The VFW has urged frequently that studies of the effect of Agent Orange on Americans who served in Vietnam be made independently of the VA.



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1 County Council, 5 Posts Win Community Awards

One County Council and five Posts have been chosen winners in the most recent judging of Community Activities projects, it was announced by Commander-in-Chief Arthur Fellwock.

Missouri's Clay County Council and Posts 1644, Norfolk, Neb.; 3087, Swartz Creek, Mich.; 3838, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; 4454, Two Harbors, Minn., and 4775, Sulphur, Okla., garnered Awards of Merit and bronze plaques.

The Missouri Clay County Council raised more than \$1,300 for the 1981 Easter Seal Campaign by holding dances, raffles and a 12-hour auction. VFW members also manned the phones during a television telethon.

In a special Memorial Day tribute, Post 1644 set up 372 casket Flags in two local cemeteries in honor of veterans who have given their lives for their country. Since initiating its program in 1969, the Post has expended almost 15,000 man-hours at a cost of more than \$15,000.

Last April, Post 3087 hosted an Easter party for 250 residents of the

Michigan School for the Deaf.

Five girls and one boy became the recipients of \$720 two-year scholarships to Southeast Missouri State University. Post 3838 presented the pupils with their scholarships last May 17 during a special ceremony at the Post Home.

Teaching youngsters about the need to preserve America's forests was the idea behind Post 4454's Arbor Day project. Post and Auxiliary members presented an estimated 800 elementary school students and their teachers with live saplings each attached with a brochure describing proper care and watering.

The Pooleville Cemetery serving Sulphur, Okla., became the scene of furious construction activity as members of 4775 labored to identify veterans' graves, place a new fence around the cemetery, grade cemetery roads and install all-steel posts and gates.

Fellwock joined the judges in congratulating the winning County Council and Posts for their efforts toward improving their communities.

VA Marker Rules Listed

Families of veterans who select a burial site for a deceased veteran in a private cemetery have two options for VA assistance in marking the grave, the VA says.

VA will provide a headstone or marker free of charge and ship it to the consignee designated on the application. However, the cost of placing the marker in a private cemetery must be borne by the applicant.

A second option is that VA will reimburse part of the cost of a headstone or marker bought privately and placed on a veteran's grave. The current amount is \$59, the average cost of headstones purchased by the VA.

Application for the VA headstone or marker should be addressed to Director, Monument Service (42), Department of Memorial Affairs, Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420.

Application for the \$59 reimbursement for a marker other than the VA standard should be filed at the nearest VA regional office or through your VFW Department Service Officer. Proper routing of the application will expedite service.

VFW National Home Life Members' Meeting

The annual meeting of the corporation will be held at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., on Oct. 24, 1981, at 9 a.m., in accordance with the By-laws, to elect two trustees, one from the 9th District of the VFW National Home (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska) and one from the Home's 12th District (Idaho, California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Hawaii and Panama Canal Zone) and to vote on an amendment to the articles of incorporation. Mail ballots for the election must be received at the VFW National Home no later than 10 a.m., Oct. 14, 1981.

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SUPPORTED BY VFW, A BILL (H.R. 1100) TO INCREASE BENEFITS FOR FORMER WAR PRISONERS HAS BEEN PASSED BY HOUSE AND SENATE AND IS ON WAY TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FOR SIGNATURE. ITS MAJOR POINTS:

ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN VA OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF FORMER POWS, DISABLED VETERANS AND RECOGNIZED AUTHORITIES ON MENTAL HEALTH, INTERNAL MEDICINE, NUTRITION, GERIATRICS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY.

AMENDMENT OF "FORMER PRISONER OF WAR" TO INCLUDE ARMED FORCES' PERSONNEL WHO ARE HELD UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES COMPARABLE TO WARTIME INTERNMENT, THOUGH CONFINEMENT WAS DURING PEACETIME. A REDUCTION IN DURATION OF CAPTIVITY FROM SIX MONTHS TO 30 DAYS FOR PRESUMPTION OF SERVICE CONNECTION FOR CERTAIN DISABILITIES AND DISEASES.

PROVISION OF SERVICE CONNECTED BENEFITS FOR FORMER POWS FOR PSYCHOSIS AND ANY OF THE ANXIETY STATES.

ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPITAL AND OUTPATIENT CARE FOR ANY DISABILITY AND PLACEMENT OF FORMER POWS WHOSE DISABILITIES HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED SERVICE-CONNECTED IN A NEW PRIORITY FOUR CATEGORY FOR OUTPATIENT CARE AHEAD OF ALL OTHER VETERANS WITH NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES.

REQUIREMENT THAT VA ADMINISTRATOR SEEK OUT FORMER WAR PRISONERS AND ADVISE THEM OF APPLICABLE CHANGES IN THE LAW.

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SENATE HAS APPROVED S. 917, WHICH WOULD RAISE COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY INDEMNITY COMPENSATION 11.2% EFFECTIVE OCT. 1. THE BILL IS CALLED THE VETERANS DISABILITY COMPENSATION, HOUSING AND MEMORIAL AMENDMENTS OF 1981. THE BILL ALSO WOULD RAISE AUTO ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE FROM \$3,800 TO \$5,000, AUTHORIZE ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR VETERANS SUFFERING FROM ANKYLOSIS OF ONE OR BOTH HIPS OR KNEES, ALLOW THE VA TO GUARANTEE "GRADUATED-PAYMENT MORTGAGE" LOANS; INCREASE MAXIMUM GRANT FOR SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING FROM \$30,000 TO \$35,000 AND THE MAXIMUM LOAN PERIOD FOR MOBILE HOME PURCHASE GUARANTEED BY THE VA FROM 15 TO 20 YEARS FOR A SINGLE-WIDE HOME AND A SINGLE-WIDE HOME AND LOT, FROM 20 TO 23 YEARS A DOUBLE-WIDE HOME AND FROM 20 TO 25 YEARS A DOUBLE-WIDE HOME AND LOT AND EXTEND TO 189 DAYS PENSION PAYMENTS TO SINGLE VETERANS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS WHO ARE UNDERGOING REHABILITATION WHILE HOSPITALIZED OR IN NURSING CARE. S. 917 ALSO WOULD AUTHORIZE THE VA TO FURNISH MEMORIAL HEADSTONES OR MARKERS TO COMMEMORATE VETERANS WHOSE REMAINS ARE NOT IDENTIFIED OR RECOVERED, BURIED AT SEA, DONATED TO SCIENCE OR CREMATED WITHOUT BURIAL OF ANY PORTION OF THE ASHES. ANOTHER PROVISION WOULD DIRECT THE VA TO CONDUCT A REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF RADIATION LITERATURE REGARDING LONG-TERM ADVERSE EFFECTS OF HUMAN EXPOSURE TO RADIATION. S. 917 ALSO WOULD DESIGNATE THE RENO, NEV., VA HOSPITAL THE IOANNIS A. LOUGARIS VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CENTER.

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A SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION (S. RES. 87) WAS PASSED 98 TO 0—TWO DIDN'T VOTE, S.I. HAYAKAWA AND PAUL E. TSONGAS—EXPRESSING THE SENATE VIEW THAT ANY PROPOSALS TO MAKE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TAXABLE WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS AND UNDERMINE THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE SYSTEM'S PROGRAMS. FURTHER, SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS ARE AND SHOULD REMAIN EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL TAXATION AND THE 97TH CONGRESS WILL NOT PASS LAWS TO TAX THEM.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

VFW POSITIONS GAIN POPULAR SUPPORT, ACCORDING TO A RECENT AP-NBC POLL, AMERICANS FAVOR A DRAFT, 59% TO 33%; 52% OPPOSE DRAFTING WOMEN, 43% FAVOR IT, BUT BY 59% TO 36%, RESPONDENTS WERE AGAINST WOMEN IN COMBAT JOBS. ONLY ANTI-DRAFT AGE GROUP: THE 18-TO-24-YEAR-OLDS.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES CONVENTION THANKED VFW FOR THOUSANDS OF SIGNATURES ON PETITIONS SENT TO WHITE HOUSE DEMANDING ACTION ON POW/MIA QUESTION. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

ARTHUR FELLWOCK DENOUNCED AS A "CRUEL MOCKERY" THE RETURN OF THREE SETS OF U.S. MIA REMAINS BY VIETNAM. FELLWOCK URGED RETENTION OF LT. GEN. EUGENE F. TIGHE, JR., FORMER DIA DIRECTOR, AS GOVERNMENT POW/MIA CONSULTANT. (TIGHE ON CAPITOL HILL SAID HE BELIEVES AMERICANS ARE BEING HELD IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.) FELLWOCK SAID JULY 17, NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY, IS A REMINDER TO ALL VFW MEMBERS THAT "WE WILL NEVER QUIT ON THIS ISSUE."

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FORMER VIETNAMESE REFUGEE, HUONG LE, VALEDICTORIAN OF HER OCALA, FLA., HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS, RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION WHEN SHE PRAISED AMERICA FOR ACCEPTING 100,000 LIKE HER "TO YOUR SHORES" AND GIVING THEM FREEDOM, A NEW START AND A NEW NATION. "THERE ARE SOME THINGS WORTH DYING FOR," SHE SAID. "THE FREEDOM YOU HAVE HERE IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS."

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THANKS TO VFW EFFORTS, TWO AMERICANS, BOTH VIETNAM VETERANS, WILFREDO BERMUDEZ AND THOMAS BLEMING, HAVE BEEN FREED FROM PANAMANIAN JAIL. ACCUSED OF TRYING TO OVERTHROW THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT, BERMUDEZ, HELD WITHOUT TRIAL FOR TWO YEARS, CHARGES HIS HUMAN RIGHTS HAD BEEN VIOLATED BY REGIME OF LATE OMAR TORRIJOS. VFW OVERTURES TO U.S. EMBASSY WON THEIR RELEASE.

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FAILURE TO REGISTER WITH THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM COULD RESULT IN A MAXIMUM OF FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT, A \$10,000 FINE OR BOTH, 18-YEAR-OLD MALES ARE BEING WARNED BY SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICIALS. IN THE PAST YEAR NEARLY 6 MILLION IN THE 18 TO 20 GROUP HAVE REGISTERED. IT IS DONE AT ANY POST OFFICE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE YOUTH'S BIRTHDAY TO HAVE AVAILABLE ON A COMPUTER THE NAMES OF MEN BORN IN 1960 AND LATER IN CASE OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND CONGRESS WERE TO DECLARE AN INDUCTION.

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GOAL OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF EFFECTS OF DEFOLIANTS LIKE AGENT ORANGE USED IN VIETNAM MOVED CLOSER TO REALIZATION WITH COMPLETION OF DESIGN PROTOCOL FOR HERBICIDE STUDY BY UCLA'S SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MANDATED BY P.L. 96-151. OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (OTA) REVIEW TO BEGIN SEPT. 8. DR. MICHAEL GOUGH, OTA HEALTH PROGRAM PROJECT DIRECTOR, AMONG THOSE EXPECTED TO HEAD REVIEW. LETTER TO GOUGH RESULTED IN ASSIGNMENT OF VFW WASHINGTON OFFICE NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE STAFFERS TO PARTICIPATE IN REVIEW. FREDERICK MULLEN, VFW REPRESENTATIVE ON VA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH RELATED EFFECTS OF HERBICIDES, RECEIVED A COPY OF THE PROTOCOL, BUT VA HAS NOT SET DATE FOR ITS STUDY OF THE PROTOCOL DESIGN.

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RECENTLY DISCHARGED SERVICE PERSONNEL MUST PRESENT CARBON NO. 4 OF THEIR DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE—NOT THE ORIGINAL—WHEN APPLYING FOR VA BENEFITS, THE VA SAYS. REASON IS THAT ORIGINAL DOES NOT INDICATE CHARACTER OF SERVICE OR TYPE OF SEPARATION. PRESENTATION OF CARBON NO. 4 WILL ASSURE PROMPT PROCESSING OF BENEFITS APPLICATIONS.

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NEW VA CHIEF ROBERT P. NIMMO ANNOUNCES VIETNAM VETERAN VET CENTERS WILL BE INCREASED FURTHER. FIRST REPORT WAS AN INCREASE OF 28, BUT THE NUMBER HAS BEEN RAISED TO A TOTAL OF 42. THIS MEANS 133 FACILITIES WILL BE OPERATING, COMPARED TO ORIGINAL 91. "WE HOPE TO HAVE ALL THE NEW CENTERS IN OPERATION WITHIN THREE TO FOUR MONTHS," NIMMO SAYS. SINCE CENTERS OPENED IN 1980, APPROXIMATELY 72,000 VIETNAM VETERANS HAVE BEEN COUNSELED. EXACT LOCATIONS OF NEW CENTERS ARE GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER WASHINGTON ACTION REPORTER. TYPICALLY, CENTERS HAVE STAFFS OF THREE TO FIVE WHO WORK INFORMALLY ON A PERSON-TO-PERSON BASIS WITH VIETNAM ERA VETERANS EXPERIENCING EMOTIONAL AND OTHER READJUSTMENT PROBLEMS.

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INTEREST RATES ON POLICY LOANS BY NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE PERMANENT PLANS WERE RAISED TO 11% A YEAR AFTER LAST JULY 29. SINCE 1979, WERE 5% A YEAR, BUT HAD BEEN 4% FROM 1946 TO 1971. FUTURE ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE TO KEEP THE RATES SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN PRIVATE MONEY MARKET RATES. AMENDED REGULATION PROVIDES THAT A POLICY BECOMES VOIDABLE, INSTEAD OF VOID, WHEN INDEBTEDNESS EQUALS OR EXCEEDS POLICY'S CASH VALUE.

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AFTER NEXT MONTH (OCTOBER), VETERANS APPLYING FOR VA HOSPITAL, DOMICILIARY OR NURSING HOME CARE OR MEDICAL SERVICES WILL HAVE TO TAKE AN OATH THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO PAY. NOT AFFECTED, HOWEVER, ARE SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED, VA PENSIONERS, VETERANS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID OR THOSE OVER 65.

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CORRECTION. VA WILL PAY FOR MARKER FOR VETERAN BURIED IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY, BUT NEXT-OF-KIN MUST PAY FOR STONE'S INSTALLATION. VA REIMBURSES FAMILY FOR COST OF PRIVATELY OBTAINED MARKER, \$59, AVERAGE COST TO VA OF HEADSTONE. APPLICATIONS SHOULD GO TO NEAREST VA REGIONAL OFFICE OR THROUGH YOUR VFW DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER. DETAILS ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE.

VFW Backs WWI Pensions

For WWI veterans, there were no VA hospitals, no GI Bill, no Jobs For Vets programs during the Depression or Labor Department rehabilitation training. Psychological counseling clinics were a thing of the future.



Commander-in-Chief
ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK

The VFW can be justifiably proud of the role it has played in gaining benefits and recognition of the special problems of Vietnam veterans, especially in the area of herbicide exposure and retention and expansion of the VA's Vet Centers.

And for many years the VFW has pointed out that the World War I veteran has been sadly neglected by his government for his wartime service.

Thus, in its concern, the VFW has merged some of the nation's oldest veterans with some of its youngest.

At one time the VFW was the only group to join with the Veterans of World War I association to ask that Congress remedy this neglect with a pension recognizing this service.

We believed then as we do now that the nation has not paid its special debt of gratitude to World War I veterans.

Veterans, their widows and orphans today enjoy programs and entitlements fought for by WWI veterans who did not want assistance from the government.

National Commander William (Bill) Fisher, of the Veterans of World War I, put it plainly like this:

"When the war was won, we grabbed our service discharges and \$60 clothing allowances and proudly called it a deal."

In 1924, a law was passed that paid a veteran \$1.25 for each day of overseas service and \$1 for a day of state-side duty. A maximum was set and anyone who got more than \$50 received a certificate for an endowment policy payable in 20 years. This insult led to the Bonus March dispersed in Washington by the Regular Army.

The VFW, realizing that the WWI veteran with all his problems and lack of government assistance was in dire straits, got squarely behind a monthly pension for this veteran or his widow.

A bill now before the House of Rep-

resentatives would give this pension of \$150 per month to most of these veterans without any income limitation.

The VFW was one of the first to testify in favor of the bill's passage. We stated that "it was a matter of record the VFW has supported a separate service pension for World War I veterans and their survivors for many years and our current Resolution No. 603 entitled "World War I Pension" is appended for review."

The VFW gave the history of the shabby treatment of WWI veterans and said, "We must never forget that World War I veterans are the ones who fought for the original GI Bill granting a broad range of benefits to World War II veterans and upon which all benefits for veterans of subsequent conflicts have been based."

For some unknown reason the "Stars and Stripes-National Tribune," a small veterans newspaper received by some veterans, headlined a story about the pension testimony as if the VA and the VFW were against the pension.

The shoddy and inaccurate reporting was based on the single fact that the VFW suggested that the funding for the WWI pension should not be delegated to the House Appropriations Committee, but was the responsibility of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Let the record show that the VFW is directly behind the WWI pension without regard for income of the veteran.

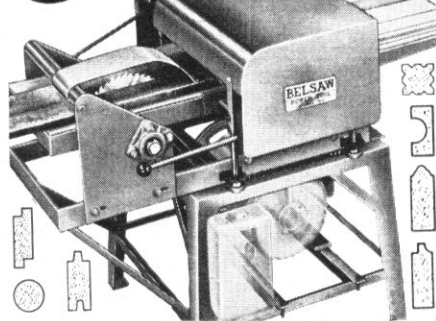
The VFW believes that over the years this nation has provided little in the way of entitlements for this special group of veterans.

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3rd Cav. Grp. Assn., 3rd and 43rd Ren. Sqdr.—25-27, Syracuse, N.Y.—Norman Lenings, 131 Schiller Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13203

5th AF, 348th Ftr. Grp., 341st Ftr. Sqdr. (WWII)—24-27, Dayton, Ohio.—Albert V. Arnold, 109 Ferris St., Apt. 3, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197

9th AF, 322nd BG, 451st Bomb Sqdr.—25-27, South Bend, Ind.—Jim Crumbliss, 2014 Shady Grove Dr., Bossier City, La. 71112

9th Arm. Div., 19th Tank Bn.—25-27, Louisville, Ky.—Marion A. Christensen, 906 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Madison, Wis. 53714

14th AF Flying Tigers Assn.—24-26, Atlanta, Ga.—A.W. Johnson, 16 Spoon Ct., Alpharetta, Ga. 30201

14th AF, 12th Tactical Air Comm. Sqdr. (Hsian, China, WWII)—24-26, Atlanta, Ga.—Robert L. Walker, 6006 E. 149th St., Grandview, Mo. 64030

18th Engrs.—24-26, San Francisco, Calif.—Tom W. Cherry, 2730 E. Eastman Ave., Denver, Colo. 80210

19th Bombardment Assn. (Grp. and Wing)—24-27, Riverside, Calif.—Herbert A. Frank, 90-13 201st St., Hollis, N.Y. 11423

27th Div. Assn.—25-26, Rochester, N.Y.—S. Noracko, 3 Oxford Ave., Massapequa, N.Y. 11758

28th Inf. Div., 728th Ord. and E Co., 103rd QM Rgt.—25-27, Wildwood Crest, N.J.—Louis DiGuardia, 382 Twin Bark Ave., Holbrook, N.Y. 11741

37th Ftr. Sqdr. (WWII)—25-27, Lake Charles, La.—W.A. Goodman, 521 N. Goodman Rd., Lake Charles, La. 70601

70th Engr. Lt. Pont. Co. (WWII)—25-27, Gloucester, N.J.—Ed Soper, 124 Byrne Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

81st Div., 323rd Inf., Co. B—25-27, Ocala, Fla.—William F. Clapp, 5811 SE Lillian Cir., Belleview, Fla. 32620

86th Air Svc. Sqdr.—11-13, North Dayton, Ohio.—Tom Van Dusen, 18337 Sunderland, Detroit, Mich. 48219

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104th Cav. Veterans Assn., Pennsylvania Army National Guard—26, New Cumberland, Pa.—James M. Petrone, 133 Nittany Dr., Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17053

106th Div., 106th QM Co. (WWII)—20, West Hartford, Conn.—James Senatro, 121 W. Main St., Vernon, Conn. 06066

112th Sta. Hosp. and 263rd Gen. Hosp. (India)—25-26, Youngstown, Ohio.—Keith Straight, 1521 S. 29th St., La Crosse, Wis. 54601

113th Engrs. (WWI)—27, Noblesville, Ind.—G.E. McCool, 1820 E. Sycamore, Kokomo, Ind. 46901

127th Inf. Assn. (32nd Inf. Div., WWI, WWII, Berlin Crisis and 127th Inf., Wis. N.G.)—25-27, Marinette, Wis.—John M. Ciszewski, PO Box 148, Lake Tomahawk, Wis. 54539

134th Inf., Anti-tank Co.—26-27, South Sioux City, Neb.—Joe Peltz, Hartington, Neb. 68739

183rd Sig. Rpr. Co.—25-27, Mattoon, Ill.—Dale R. Williams, 905 N. 21st St., Mattoon, Ill. 61938

247th FA Bn., Svc. Btry.—25-26, Braintree, Mass.—Melvin K. Sandy, Rt. 2, Box 81, Stephens City, Va. 22655

351st Ord. (AA) Mnt. Co. Assn. (WWII)—24-27, King of Prussia, Pa.—George A. Billger, Sr., 3225 Kathy Ln., Huntingdon Valley, Pa. 19006

397th (M) BG (WWII)—25-27, St. Louis, Mo.—George Parker, PO Box 1051, Columbia, Mo. 65205

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451st Bomb Sqdr.—25-27, South Bend, Ind.—John T. Funston, 1840 Ridgedale Rd., South Bend, Ind. 44814

457th BG Assn. and attached units (WWII)—25-27, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Homer L. Briggs, 811 NW B St., Bentonville, Ark. 72712

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712th Tank Bn.—22-27, Orlando, Fla.—Ray A. Griffin, Box 22, Aurora, Neb. 68818

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750th ROB—17-20, Milwaukee, Wis.—Bob Weber, 219 Owendale Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15227

803rd MP Bn., HQ, Medic, A, B, C and D Cos.—25-27, Catskill, N.Y.—James A. Cameron, 198 Herrick Rd., Southampton, N.Y. 11968

893rd Sig. Co. Depot Avn. (WWII)—22-24, Columbus, Ohio.—Lester C. Parker, 635 Hamilton St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

1193rd Engr. Base Depot (WWII)—18-20, Memphis, Tenn.—Roy Wilkerson, 1525 Courtright Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43227

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AACS (AAF/USAF)—15-18, Tucson, Ariz.—Everett O. Wogstad, PO Box 35215, Tucson, Ariz. 85740

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Retreads, Inc. (WWI, WWII, all branches)—2-4, Jeffersonville, Ind.—Frank R. Kossa, 317 E. Riverside Dr., Jeffersonville, Ind. 47130

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7th AF, 48th Bomb Sqdr.—8-11, Las Vegas, Nev.—Donald W. Rossbach, 1124 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill. 60304

7th FA Assn.—16-17, Rockport, Maine.—Frank Ricci, 1 Carver St., Mexico, Maine 04527

8th Air Commando Grp. (WWII)—9-12, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.—Don Maggett, 219 Yacht Club Dr., Fort Walton Beach, Fla. 32548

8th AF—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Elmer Fessler, 3911 NW 173rd Terr., Opa-Locka, Fla. 33055

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8th AF, 1st Air Div. HQ—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Henry C. Gelula, Box 1876, Atlantic City, N.J. 08404

8th AF, 2nd Air Div. (England, WWII)—1-4, San Antonio, Texas.—William Cetin, 8820 Racine Ave., Sturtevant, Wis. 53177

8th AF, 4th Strat. Air Depot (Hitcham, England, 1943-45)—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Paul P. Gerhardt, 2602 S. Union, Apt. B-307, Tacoma, Wash. 98405

8th AF, 7th Photo Grp. (Mount Farm, England, 1943-45)—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Claude Murray, 1933 E. Marshall, Phoenix, Ariz. 85016

8th AF and 20th Ftr. Grp.—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—John E. Hudgens, 409 University Ave., Apt. 108-S, Lubbock, Texas 79401

8th AF, 305th BG (Chelveston, England, WWII)—1-3, San Antonio, Texas.—Abe Millar, Box 757, Sanger, Texas 76266

8th Div., 13th Inf., Co. L (WWII)—9-11, Hagerstown, Md.—C.M. Mackley, 421 S. Potomac St., Waynesboro, Pa. 17268

8th Ftr. Command HQ (Bushey Hall and Charlton)—15-17, St. Paul, Minn.—Ed Creeden, 247 Wayne Ave., River Edge, N.J. 07661

8th Photo Recon. Sqdr.—2-4, Denver, Colo.—Ernie Ross, 9629 Yukon Ct., Broomfield, Colo. 80020

10th Mountain Div. (Midwest Chapter)—23-25, Ft. Wayne, Ind.—Stan Nawrot, 3832 W. 63rd St., Apt. 12, Chicago, Ill. 60629

15th AF, 463rd BG—9-10, Fairborn, Ohio.—Charles R. Hewitt, 114 W. Xenia, Fairborn, Ohio 45406

16th Gen. Hosp. (ETO, WWII)—9-11, Akron, Ohio.—George Zidlicky, 16004 Rowena Ave., Maple Heights, Ohio 44137

17th (M) BG Assn. (17th BG, WWII; 17th Pursuit and Attack Grps., 1932-39, and 17th Bomb Wing, 1933-1976)—28-31, Orlando, Fla.—W.D. Baird, 200 King Ln., Suite 209, Garland, Texas 75042

18th Sta. Comp. Sqdr.—15-17, Seven Springs, Fla.—Mary DeFont, 1621 West End Ave., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

18th Weather Sqdr. (England, WWII)—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Arthur W. Gulliver, 5119 S. 81st St., Omaha, Neb. 68127

20th Ftr. Grp. Assn. (with 8th AFHS)—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—John W. Mayer, 5515 Kerth Rd., St. Louis, Mo. 63128

27th (L) BG—16-18, Montgomery, Ala.—Charles Cook, 3822 Cumberland Way, Lithonia, Ga. 30058

33rd Div., 136th Inf. Medics (WWII)—10, Peoria, Ill.—Joseph F. Stula, 7520 W. 111th St., Apt. 3A, Worth, Ill. 60482

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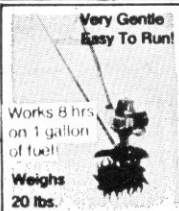
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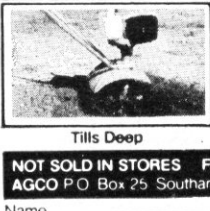
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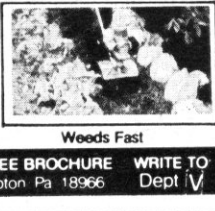
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 36th Ftr. Grp. (WWII)—9-11, Columbus, Ohio.—Bob Shumaker, 2318 Brandon Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43221.
 37th Div. 148th Inf., Co. D—17-18, Oak Harbor, Ohio.—Frank Lipstrow, 389 S. Toussaint Portage Rd., Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449.
 40th Div., 185th Inf. Rgt. (WWII)—10-11, Fresno, Calif.—Irv. Hein, 3140 Peach Ave., No. 112, Clovis, Calif. 93612.
 40th Inf. Div. (Korean War)—1-4, Ellenville, N.Y.—Ed Lownd, 210 Highland Ave., Maybrook, N.Y. 12543.
 44th Cav. Ren. Trp.—9-11, New Orleans, La.—Russ Rouh, PO Box 154, Ponchatoula, La. 70454.
 47th Engr. Bn. (WWII)—4-6, Las Vegas, Nev.—Clare White, 131 Constitution, Henderson, Nev. 89015.
 62nd Engr. (Top.) Co. (WWII)—11-13, Myrtle Beach, S.C.—Earl E. Hillary, 7520 W.B. & A. Rd., Glen Burnie, Md. 21061.
 64th Chnl. Dpt. Co. (WWII)—3, Bloomington, Ill.—Don Downs, 25816 Texas Ct., Sun Lakes, Ariz. 85224.
 64th Trp. Carr. Grp. (WWII)—30-31, San Francisco, Calif.—Roger Coleson, Box 205-G, Nanjemoy, Md. 20662.
 76th Inf. Div., 76th QM Co.—9-11, Niagara Falls, N.Y.—Tom O'Donnell 410 Palomino Dr., Oakdale, Pa. 15071.
 79th TC Sqdr. (WWII)—15-17, Fairborn, Ohio.—Roger L. Airgood, 1835 N. 12th St., LaFayette, Ind. 47904.
 81st Div. Veterans Assn.—9-11, Morganton, N.C.—D.H. Willis, Rt. 3, Box 238, Lawndale, N.C. 28090.
 86th Inf. Div., 343rd Inf. Rgt., Co. A (WWII)—1-4, Ft. Madison, Iowa.—Paul J. Temborius, 2016 Ave. H, Ft. Madison, Iowa 52627.
 90th Div. Assn.—16-18, Omaha, Neb.—C.D. Steel, 7816 Crescent, Raytown, Mo. 64138.
 91st Chnl. Mortar Bn.—1-3, Detroit, Mich.—Leon Levine, 22353 Greenview Rd., Southfield, Mich. 48075.
 92nd (H) BG and 1/11 CCRC—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—S.R. Sorenson, Box 62, RFD 1, Toronto, S.D. 57268.
 93rd Ftr. Sqdr. (WWII)—4, Gettysburg, Pa.—Dayno W. Weaver, 108 Sneden Pl. W., Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977.
 94th BG Memorial Assn.—9-11, Denver, Colo.—Frank Halm, 433 NW 33rd St., Corvallis, Ore. 97330.
 96th BG (WWII)—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Robert W. Owens, 2323 S. Leavitt St., 1F, Chicago, Ill. 60608.
 97th Div., 389th FA, Btry. C—2-4, Buffalo, N.Y.—Jack Impeni, 882 Richmond Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14222.
 98th BG (H) Veterans Assn.—5-8, Albany, N.Y.—Walter H. Bolling, Jr., Rt. 8, Box 203, Gonzales, La. 70737.
 99th Inf. Bn. (Sep.)—9-11, Fargo, N.D.—Owen Voxland, 1608 S. 15th St., Moorhead, Minn. 56560.
 101st AB Ren. Pltn. (WWII)—22-24, Vicksburg, Miss.—Elmer J. Weber, Rt. 2, Box 368, Tuscola, Ill. 61953.
 102nd Med. Rgt., 102nd Med. Bn.—17, Rochester, N.Y.—Edward Kassel, 944 Blossom Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14610.
 105th FA Veterans Assn.—17, Great Neck, Long Island, N.Y.—Abraham Bellis, 16333 Willets Pt. Blvd., Whitestone, N.Y. 11357.
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 164th Inf. Assn.—16-18, Minot, N.D.—Dr. G.M. Christensen, PO Box 1544, Minot, N.D. 58701.
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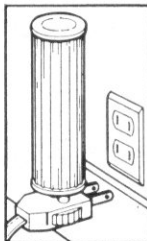
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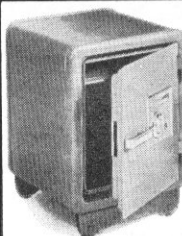
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339th Ftr. Grp.—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—C. Malarz, 2405 Kings Point Dr., Atlanta, Ga. 30338.

340th Engrs., Co. B—10-11, Lancaster, Pa.—Morris H. Shaffer, 10 Market Square, Manheim, Pa. 17545.

351st (H) BG, 508th, 509th, 510th and 511th Bomb Sqdrs. (Polebrook, England, WWII)—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Ben Schoban, 398 Catawba Ave., Westerville, Ohio 43081.

353rd Ftr. Grp., 350th, 351st, and 352nd Ftr. Sqdrs.—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Charles Graham, Army and Navy Club, 1627 I St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

354th Mustang Ftr. Grp. Assn. (WWII, includes 354th Ftr. Wing, USAF, 1956)—15-18, Portland, Ore.—354th Mustang Ftr. Grp. Assn., PO Box 68123, Indianapolis, Ind. 46268.

381st (H) BG (WWII)—16-18, Orlando, Fla.—T. Paxton Sherwood, 515 Woodland View Dr., York, Pa. 17402.

392nd BG (Wendling, England, WWII)—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Gil Bambauer, 2032 E. La Madera Dr., Tucson, Ariz. 85719.

398th (H) BG (WWII)—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—George R. Hilliard, 7841 Quartermaine Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45236.

405th AAA Gun Bn. (WWII)—17, Roanoke, Va.—Warren E. Dillard, 2033 10th St. NW, Roanoke, Va. 24012.

446th BG (Bungay, England, WWII)—1-4, San Antonio, Texas.—V.A. McCarty, 740 Ventura N., Salem, Ore. 97303.

459th (P-38) Sqdr.—8-11, Brownsville, Texas.—Wayne Sneddon, PO Box 447, Pilot Hill, Calif. 95664.

482nd BG, 36th, 812th, 813th and 814th Bomb Sqdrs. (Alconbury, England, Sta. 102)—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Denny Scanlan, One Scanlan Plaza, St. Paul, Minn. 55107.

483rd (H) BG (Italy, WWII)—30-Nov. 1, Tampa, Fla.—Bill Haskins, 700 Cedar, Alexandria, Minn. 56308.

486th BG Assn.—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Francis O. Brown, 608 Rosemary Dr., Gulfport, Miss. 39501.

493rd BG—15-18, St. Paul, Minn.—Paul F. Sink, 4015 W. 137th St., No. 114, Hawthorne, Calif. 90250.

504th AAA Gun Bn.—9-10, Akron, Ohio.—Myron Schmidt, Rt. 1, 1965 Fixler Rd., Medina, Ohio 44256.

531st Engr. Shore Rgt. Assn.—20-22, Orlando, Fla.—Richard J. Ready, 84 Selwyn St., Roslindale, Mass. 02131.

550th AAA Bn., 3rd Army (WWII)—3, Westfield, N.Y.—Vince Calarco, 112 E. Main St., Westfield, N.Y. 14787.

553rd Bomb Sqdr. Assn.—16-18, San Francisco, Calif.—Denny McFarland, PO Box 5543, Abilene, Texas 79605.

643rd TD Bn. (WWII)—9-10, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Ken Happe, 3072 Aljean Dr., Bethel Park, Pa. 15102.

713th MP Bn.—3, Utica, N.Y.—Rocco Sangiacomo, 25 Nob Rd., Utica, N.Y. 13501.

724th TROB (Korea)—9-11, Wilmington, Del.—Lynn Moore, 491 Conarroe St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19128.

792nd AAA AW Bn.—8-10, Randolph, Mass.—Dick Fitch, 23 Pond Ln., Randolph, Mass. 02368.

820th TD Bn.—2-4, Tampa, Fla.—Steven J. Siekierka, 24931 S. Sylbert Ct., Redford, Mich. 48239.

977th FA Bn. (WWII)—16-18, New Hartford, N.Y.—Mel Guerra, 260 Allen St., East Longmeadow, Mass. 01028.

1093rd Sig. Co.—9-10, Knoxville, Tenn.—The Rev. Ken Bowman, 2317 Adair Ave., Knoxville, Tenn. 37917.

3014th Ord.—9-11, Lancaster, Pa.—Henry M. Rolf, 5734 W. 44th St., Parma, Ohio 44134.

3410th and 3557th MAM Cos. (Iran, WWII)—16-18, Wheeling, W. Va.—John P. Torbett, 156 Elm St., Wheeling, W. Va. 26003.

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15th, 19th and 41st Special USNCB Assn.—30-Oct. 3, Daytona Beach, Fla.—Frank Stutts, 3011 Belingham Dr. NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30345.

Allied Fighter Pilots (WWII)—20, Kyoto, Japan.—Kannon Committee, USA, 22862 Via Octavo, Mission Viejo, Calif. 92691.

Blanche F. Sigman (hospital ship, WWII)—29-Oct. 1, San Antonio, Texas.—E. Diane Knodler Muller, 312 E. Hermosa, Tempe, Ariz. 85282.

RMCB 12—25-27, Worcester, Mass.—Tony Bisbano, 196 Homestead Ln., Portsmouth, R.I. 02871.

U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII—16-19, Sacramento, Calif.—Martin F. Schaffer, 1710 Elm St., Allentown, Pa. 18104.

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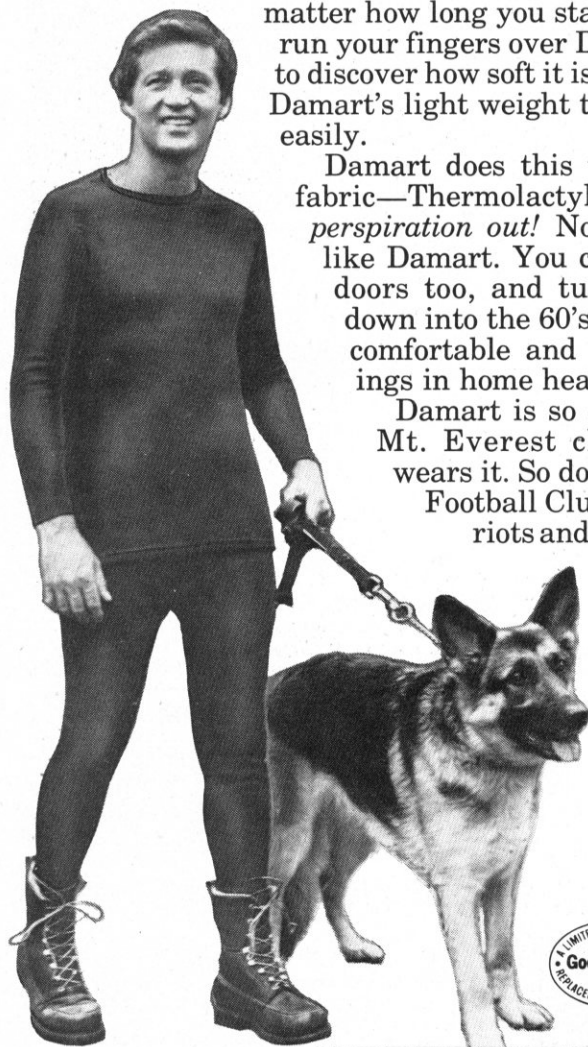
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USS Catskill (WWII)—10-12, Reno, Nev.—Phil Smith, 6920 Willow Ave., Lincoln, Neb. 68507.

USS Sterett—25-27, San Diego, Calif.—Salvatore Montenegro, 1527 N. Arland Ave., South San Gabriel, Calif. 91770.

USS White River-LSMR/LFR 536 (Vietnam) and USS St. Francis River, Carronade and Clarion River—12-15, San Diego, Calif.—William M. Geraghty, PO Box 703, Lakeside, Calif. 92040.

V-12 students and officer candidates (CMSU, WWII)—25-27, Warrensburg, Mo.—Dr. Robert L. Marshall, Central Missouri State University, Humphreys 314, Warrensburg, Mo. 64093.

VP-33—22-23, San Diego, Calif.—Larry Bruce, 300 7th St., Coronado, Calif. 92118.

October

3rd NCB—1-4, Stone Mountain, Ga.—William Ongaro, 3 George Wythe, Clusters at Washington, Turnersville, N.J. 08012.

5th NCB (WWII)—1-3, Traverse City, Mich.—Henry M. Munsch, Jr., 10310 Morrison Rd., New Orleans, La. 70127.

8th NCB (WWII)—15-17, Phoenix, Ariz.—R.W. Craven, 711 S. 20th St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85034.

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145th Seabees (WWII)—22-24, Daytona Beach, Fla.—Dick Sparco, 60 W. 190th St., Bronx, N.Y. 10468.

CBMU 569—16-18, Sarasota, Fla.—O.K. Larson, 711 Stanwich Ln., St. Paul, Minn. 55118.

579th CBMU—9-11, San Jose, Calif.—Jack Boyts, 166 Saratoga Ave., Santa Clara, Calif. 95050.

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Naval Enlisted Reserve Assn.—27-31, Tampa, Fla.—Tim Kearns, 2900 W. Highland Blvd., Milwaukee, Wis. 53208.

NRAB, Bldg. 133 (Mustin Field, Philadelphia, Pa.)—23, NAS Willow Grove, Pa.—George R. Beck, 524 E. Sanger St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19120.

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USS Chester—30-31, Long Beach, Calif.—Frank L. La Bombard, 4 Howard Ave., Vallejo, Calif. 94590.

USS Coral Sea CVA 43 Assn.—9-11, Atlantic City, N.J.—John F. Wilkes, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 321, John's Island, S.C. 29455.

USS Corry (DD463)—9-11, Charleston, S.C.—Grant G. Gullickson, 1909 Salk St., Virginia Beach, Va. 23455.

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USS Langley and AV-3—2-4, St. Louis, Mo.—Earl Gainer, 184 Beechmont Dr., Newport News, Va. 23602.

USS Lexington (CV-16)—15-17, Charleston, S.C.—Roland King, Feeding Hills Rd., Westfield, Mass. 01085.

USS Major (DE-796)—9-11, Mystic, Conn.—J.V. Sheldon, Rt. 3, Box 318, Dillsburg, Pa. 17019.

USS Manning—1-3, Charleston, S.C.—Denzel J. Skervan, 1921 Lincoln St., Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. 54494.

USS Mexico, U.S. Navy Armed Guard (July, 1943-July, 1945)—9-10, Baltimore, Md.—Herbert J. Holdridge, 4005 White Ave., B-3, Baltimore, Md. 21206.

USS Mississippi—9-10, Long Beach, Calif.—Jim Ferrell, 9229 Single Oak Dr., Lakeside, Calif. 92040.

USS Nevada Assn.—2-4, Long Beach, Calif.—W.E. Haisting, 340 Roswell Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90814.

USS New Mexico—2-4, St. Louis, Mo.—LeRoy K. Miller, 8619 Villa Crest Dr., St. Louis, Mo. 63126.

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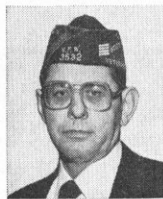
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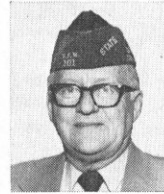
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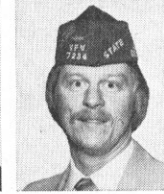
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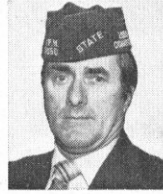
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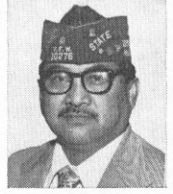
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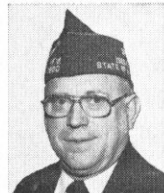
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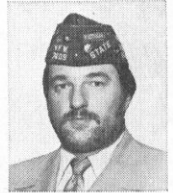
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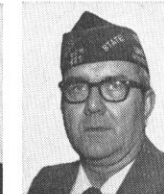
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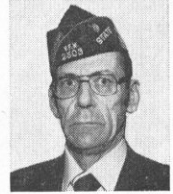
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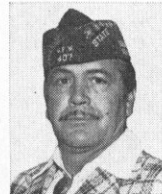
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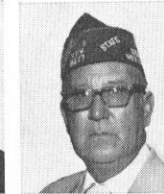
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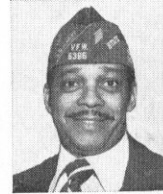
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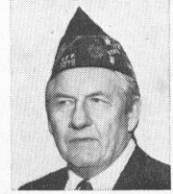
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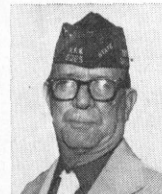
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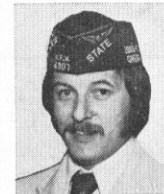
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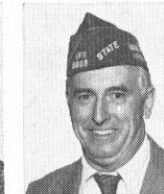
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USS New York, C and R Div. (WWII)—9-10, Asheville, N.C.—Robert F. Troy, 620 Warnke Rd., Michigan City, Ind. 46360.

USS Pawnee—17-18, Arlington, Va.—William J. Miller c/o Troopship Photos, PO Box 1131, Arlington, Va. 22211.

USS Pittsburgh (CA-72)—7-10, Boston, Mass.—J.C. Ayers, PO Box 74, Wildwood, Ga. 30757.

USS Twiggs (DD591) in conjunction with USS Paul Hamilton (DD590)—8-9, Charleston, S.C.—Bob Foster, 2408 Eldersville Rd., Follansbee, W. Va. 26037.

USS Yorktown CV-5 Club, Inc.—16-18, Williamsburg, Va.—Peter Montalvo, Yorktown House, 9 Casino Dr., Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866.

VX-3/HU-2 and all descendant helicopter sqdrs.—2-4, Norfolk, Va.—S.J. Temple, 121 W. Randall Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23502.

WWII and Pre-Pearl Harbor Navy Personnel—25-30, Las Vegas, Nev.—Woodrow Rainbolt, 5023 Royal Ave., Las Vegas, Nev. 89103.

MARINES

September

North China Marines (1940-41)—23-26, Sacramento, Calif.—William H. Howard, 1701 50th St., Sacramento, Calif. 95819.

4th Marine Div., 24th Marines, Rgtl. Weapons Co.—25-26, South Bend, Ind.—Donald E. Ford, 1029 Pearl St., Covington, Ind. 47932.

October

Marine Corps Aviation Assn.—8-11, Detroit, Mich.—C.F. Parrent, 19187 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, Mich. 48234.

USS Duluth (CL87), Marine Det.—10-11, Clark, N.J.—Harry Greenhalgh, 708 Brookside Rd., Rahway, N.J. 07065.

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September

USS Samuel B. Chase (APA26/WWII)—25-26, Indianapolis, Ind.—Jay York, 3322 English Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 46201.

USS Spencer (WWII)—24-27, Danvers, Mass.—Joseph D'Amico, 77 Bristow St., Saugus, Mass. 01906.

October

USS Joseph T. Dickman (WWII)—16-18, Memphis, Tenn.—Arthur W. Murray, 571 W. Lockwood Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63119.

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October

Ranch Hand-Vietnam Assn.—9-11, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.—Jack Spey, 850 Tarpon, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. 32548.

USAF Pilot Trng. Class 61-D (Aug. 17, 1959-Nov. 30, 1960)—1-4, San Francisco, Calif.—David L. Roberts, 1055 North Shore Dr., Roswell, Ga. 30076.

52nd Air Grp., 1093rd Sig. Co.—9-10, Gatlinburg, Tenn.—Ken Bowman, 2317 Adair Ave., Knoxville, Tenn. 37917.

75th Air Dpt. Wing (all sqdrs., Texas, Korea, Japan, 1952-55)—15-18, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Kenneth M. Brunmeier, PO Box 181, Onida, S.D. 57564.

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Americal Div., 198th Brgd. (Chu Lai, Vietnam, 1971)—Need to contact Thomas Lightner, Gomes, Kurt Zolner, Ron Noce, Doc Setty, Dennis Kuykendall, others who were in the infantry or artillery at Chu Lai in 1971.—Robert T. Kain, 427 E. Woodlawn Pl., Peoria, Ill. 61614.

Brooks Convalescent Hospital (Fort Sam Houston, Texas, June, 1945)—Need to contact former nurse Josephine Abel.—Allen Miller, 463 Reidmore Rd., South Connelville, Pa. 15425.

Camp Roberts, Calif. (October, 1945)—Need to contact anyone remembering my foot and varicose vein problems during basic; also, anyone recalling that I cut my right hand and elbow while jumping off a 6X6 truck at Liege, Belgium.—Marcelino D. Vialpando, 725 S. Pacific, Las Vegas, N.M. 87701.

Port Lawton, Wash. (1944)—Need to contact John Glass who was hospitalized for burns on his legs, arm and left side, who may remember that I was in a body cast twice and that I had my appendix removed; also want to hear from anyone knowing this man's whereabouts.—Ralph S. Craig, Rt. 1, Box 85, Pomona, Kans. 66076.

Northern Ireland (1942)—Need to contact Capt. P.M. Winkler, James L. Cockrell, Dickinson, Rogers, Fly, France, others remembering my injured feet; also, 517th Port Bn., Co. A (England, 1943-44)—Must contact Edwin Arnold or those knowing his whereabouts.—Kelly W. Six, 6285 Milarch Rd., Manistee, Mich. 49660.

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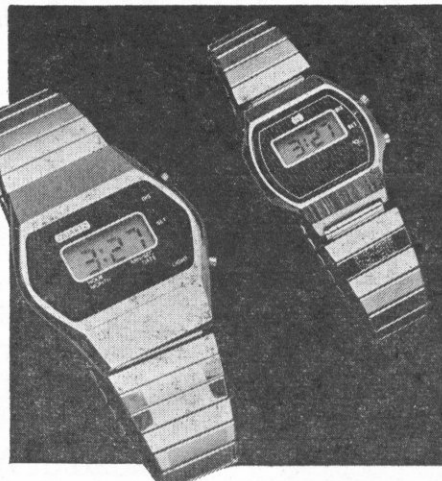
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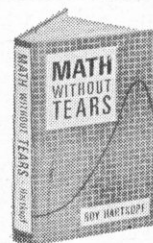
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Memories Good And Bad

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"I sat by the window of the bus and peered out upon the familiar hot and steaming Saigon street scene. Beggars still lay lethargically on the sidewalks. No one seemed to notice, or care, that this was the last busload of American soldiers."

To the Vietnam veteran, recollection of that country induces a great variety of memories. Some remember nothing but the bad—others remember nothing but the good.

But for most, it was an experience we look back on with mixed feelings. The sensations of pain and suffering, loneliness, devastating heat, monsoon rains, beautiful sandy beaches, silent laughter, sadness, joy and girls in gracefully fitted "ao dai" all mingle together with the smell of Nuoc Nam.

For those of us there at the end, a sense of frustration and futility lingers as our last remembrance.

When I arrived there in October, 1972, the military situation was considered pretty good. Vietnamization, most people believed, was working. After Henry Kissinger's premature "peace is at hand" statement, a land grab was made by the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese.

When peace did not come immediately, they were overextended and cut off, decimated in many pockets of South Vietnam. These setbacks, along with the Christmas bombing of Hanoi by President Nixon, made the Paris Peace Accords, signed eventually in January, 1973, much more attractive to the Communists. They signed the treaty in an apparent act of sincerity and good faith.

We know now that it was all a ruse. But at the time—spring of 1973—the American people, and more especially the last American soldiers in Vietnam, saw it as a noble opportunity to end this American nightmare with an honorable peace.

Under the Paris Accords, a four-power Joint Military Commission (JMC) was set up to oversee and implement their ceasefire provisions. It was made up of representatives from North Vietnam, the Viet Cong, the United States and South Vietnam.

Accords' implementation, as well as monitoring ceasefire violations, was to be regulated by the JMC. The commission was headquartered in Saigon with field locations in the four separate military regions of South Vietnam. At that time, I, along with about a thousand others stationed there, wanted to go home. Instead we were tapped for the JMC.

The International Peace Keeping Police Force, made up of personnel from Indonesia, Canada, Hungary and Poland, also arrived in accordance with the treaty as permanent arbitrators of the ceasefire. They would remain after our scheduled departure 60 days after the signing of the treaty.

The North Vietnamese, clad in their peculiar olive green wool uni-
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Good-Bye Vietnam

forms and pith helmets, arrived in Saigon and were deployed throughout the military regions. The Viet Cong, on the other hand, sent only a small delegation to the Saigon headquarters and never showed up in the field. They were too busy violating the spirit and letter of the Accords to help in their implementation.

In Pleiku, where I was stationed, as in other regions, frantic efforts were made by the military to provide adequate and safe accommodations for the Communist representatives. The South Vietnamese soldiers, not at all happy about the treaty to begin with, cooperated unenthusiastically in receiving their bitter enemy into the camp. Wooden barracks surrounded by protective fencing were quickly erected at each site. The same was done throughout the regional field locations.

The Americans and South Vietnamese were vitally interested in getting the Viet Cong deployed out into the field and down to serious negotiations on the ceasefire infractions that were occurring with more and more frequency—especially in the central highlands. We learned much later that this time was also being used by the Viet Cong to move surface-to-air missile sites into the northern province of South Vietnam as well as constructing landing strips and transporting military hardware southward along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. While the Americans and South Vietnamese worked for peace, the Communists were preparing for war.

The days were clicking off the clock for JMC's existence. Still, at Pleiku and other regions, the Viet Cong refused to show. The conference table was waiting, elaborately laid out in the most orderly and acceptable manner possible under the circumstances.

The North Vietnamese delegation at Pleiku, headed by a slight, smiling and yet devious little major, insisted that no real negotiations could begin until the Viet Cong representatives arrived. Yet it was his duty, he insisted, to make sure that all accommodations were adequate and safe. He belabored this with painstaking precision and tedium.

So at the end of March, 1973, the last American soldiers began their exodus through Tan Son Nhut in Saigon.

We spent one entire day with him going by helicopter to all outlying field sites to inspect the facilities. Bowing and smiling, he pointed to numerous trivial matters that had to be corrected—additional latrines, better mosquito nettings and other small comforts which the Viet Cong, accustomed to guerrilla warfare, certainly had not enjoyed during the war.

His complaints in particular emphasized the insincerity and hypocrisy of the Communist delegation. The major complained the facilities for the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong were too far away from the people, implying that the South Vietnamese, once relieved of their regime's oppression, would help support and protect them.

At the very same time, he complained of anti-Communist banners being carried by groups outside the compound gate. Coincidental with his inspection tour, a disturbance occurred at Van Theit.irate and angry people stormed the North Vietnamese delegation and hurled stones and sticks. The main delegation in Saigon complained loudly that the Americans and South Vietnamese were not providing enough security for the North's people.

The bulky American colonel accompanying this North Vietnamese major on his tour, twice the size of his Communist counterpart, always nodded in response to the complaints, patiently maintaining his calm. At the end of this hot and dusty daylong journey, the weary colonel turned to the Communist major and asked that if all the corrections he had requested had been made, would he then have the Viet Cong arrive on the scene. The only response from the brassy little officer was, "You fix it. We see."

"X" was the designation of the

treaty date of Jan. 27, 1973. The days began to reel off and by X+20 it was becoming very obvious to the American and South Vietnamese delegation that the Communists were not serious about the Accords. Some meetings were held at the conference table in Pleiku, called by the Americans and the South Vietnamese who were trying desperately to engage the North Vietnamese representatives into a discussion of ceasefire violations. Their only response was to complain about the food.

Finally, in Pleiku, as elsewhere in Vietnam, the Americans became so frustrated they gave up. Supplies began to run low and morale sank. Most basic items such as Coca Cola had to be bought on the Pleiku blackmarket. We watched as the Communists simply lounged around in their compound waiting leisurely for the 60 days to elapse.

There were a few tense and unnerving moments. On Feb. 28, for instance, the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese became obstinate in refusing to release any more American prisoners until the Americans "complied with peace agreements and assured proper security for the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong in South Vietnam." Secretary of State Kissinger hinted that the 60-day period might be extended. In fact, there was a suspension of the countdown. To our relief, and as if even the State Department recognized the futility of it all, the possibility of an extension was laid to rest. The countdown continued. We learned later that the North Vietnamese were the ones who had violently opposed any extension. It figured, considering that their main objective in the whole operation was getting us out of the country.

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THEY HELP THE SICK

'Little Post With a Big Heart'

BY WAYNE C. CEROVICH

Bringing happiness and support into the lives of children who will likely die before their time is not always easy or pleasant. But as the members of one VFW Post in Michigan have learned, no other endeavor could be any more personally rewarding.

Picture a terminally ill 5-year-old girl constantly wracked with pain, despair and uncertainty about tomorrow.

At Post 3943, Newport, Mich., Commander Robert Zulewski and his Auxiliary President wife, Betty, envisioned such a child when member Jim Leidel told them about his granddaughter.

"Kelly Leidel's plight was brought to our attention in August, 1977," remembers Mrs. Zulewski. "She was suffering from the rare and incurable form of muscular dystrophy known as Werdin-Hoffman disease."

The Zulewskis are especially attuned to the trauma and problems faced by parents of critically ill children. As the parents of three boys and four girls, 8 to 18, they have faced more than their share of medical crises. Two of their daughters were born with severe digestive disorders, while another suffers from inoperable cancer of the liver.

"We learned that Kelly's parents wanted to take their daughter on a religious pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, where the waters are reputed to have healing powers. But because of their daughter's continual medical



Robert and Betty Zulewski, who were instrumental in establishing Post 3943's Children's Fund, continually strive to better the lives of terminally ill youngsters.

expenses, the Leidels could not afford such a trip. That's when Bob and I decided we ought to try to find some way to help."

Following some Post discussion, it was decided that the Post should strive to set up a special fund to cover the \$3,000 cost of sending the Leidels to Lourdes. After six months of conducting raffles and benefits and with local newspaper support, the Post raised \$7,200. The portion the Leidels did not use was set aside in their daughter's name as a fund for critically ill and handicapped youngsters in the Monroe County area.

A year later, Post members learned that the parents of Allan, Michael and Charles Gonyea longed to send

their sons, victims of muscular dystrophy, to Lourdes in hopes that they might be miraculously cured. Once again, Post 3943, with its 207 members and another 110 in its Auxiliary, worked to increase the fund's size so the Gonyeas could go on the pilgrimage to Lourdes. By this time, Post 3943 was becoming known as the "Little Post With a Big Heart." However, the Gonyeas were the last persons the Post helped send to France since no hoped for miraculous cures had occurred.

"We thought that if a miracle would happen, it could happen just as well here," says Commander Zulewski. "We decided to do something to help the kids here more directly."

By 1979, the Post was considering dissolving its children's fund and donating its unused balance to charity. Then the Zulewskis learned of an 11-year-old boy whose kidneys had failed and who wanted to go to Disney World in Florida. A few years before, Ricky Hamm's father had given his son one of his own kidneys but the transplant failed. So twice a week Ricky had to undergo dialysis treatments at an Ann Arbor hospital. A four-day trip to Florida would have to include the same kind of treat-

ments. Post 3943 made all the arrangements and soon Ricky was on his way.

Meanwhile, in a display of cooperative effort, members of Post 4287 in Orlando, Fla., met Ricky's flight, provided him with a wheel chair and transportation throughout his visit, took him to a Gainesville hospital for a dialysis treatment and acted as escorts to Sea World, Circus World and Disney World. It was a scenario which would be repeated with later youngsters.

"It was worth every penny it cost, when you consider all the pain this boy had to endure," said Mrs. Zulewski upon meeting Ricky's return flight in April, 1980. "You should have seen the look on his face when he got off the plane."

For children like Ricky, a trip to Disney World can literally be a once in a lifetime experience. Mrs. Zulewski says that parents who have later lost their children often thank Post 3943 for having brought happiness into the lives of their offspring.

Proper timing is important to the success of this program because many terminally ill youngsters don't have much time. Consequently, the Post sometimes arranges local outings for children who are too seriously ill to make the trip to Florida. But the children's fund isn't used only for trips. Sometimes it helps pay a family's medical expenses when aid is needed. To date, the Post has raised and spent nearly \$20,000 assisting at least 11 critically ill children.

Usually, either the Zulewskis or the Post will receive a call from a relative or a friend of a terminally ill child, asking what, if anything, the Post can do to help. Before any commitments can be made, the Zulewskis require a letter from a doctor verifying the child's condition. Once that letter is received, the Post will then draw the required amount from its children's fund to help that child. If the fund is too low to meet the child's need, the Post will attempt to raise whatever amount is needed. Methods used in the past have included raffles, benefits, appeals in newspapers, on radio and even television.

Other youngsters besides Ricky Hamm have made the trip to Disney

The members of Post 3943 remain committed to expanding their program to meet the special needs and interests of terminally ill children more effectively.

World, courtesy of Post 3943. Included on this roster are Tina Furgason, 16, who lost her left leg to cancer, later developed terminal lung cancer and died; Jill York, 16, who had a malignant tumor removed from her pituitary gland; Mark Gawrych, 12, who suffers from acute lymphoblastic leukemia, and from Canada, Randy Oakes, 16, who remains seriously ill with acute myelogenous leukemia.

The parents of 16-year-old Bill Burghardt, who has a rare and usually fatal virus called Dawson's encephalitis, called asking the Post for help. Response was a wheel chair, a hospital bed and a \$500 account to help pay for Bill's medicine. Against all odds, Bill began improving. Then after a year and a half, he began learning how to walk again with the aid of leg braces. Post 3943 has established a continuing charge account for his prescriptions.

Perhaps the most dramatic challenge yet met by the Post's children's fund involved 2-year-old Laurie Mowery. While visiting relatives in Florida with her parents, she was bitten on the face by a dog. During surgery, she suffered a heart arrest, but doctors revived her. Then her brain began swelling and she lapsed into a coma. As soon as her condition stabilized, Laurie's parents wanted her transported to a children's hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. They contacted Post 3943.

Swinging into action, the Post donated \$500 toward the \$1,400 for an air ambulance to bring Laurie home. Lacking sufficient funds to cover the remaining cost, the Post appealed to the citizens of Monroe County who responded by bringing the total amount raised to \$3,800.

A month later, the Post was called on to provide another air ambulance for a 36-year-old Vietnam veteran

from Ypsilanti, Mich. A motorcycle accident in Florida left him paralyzed from the neck down. The Post's children's fund is meant to help persons under 20, but veteran Michael Morio was an exception to the rule, as Mrs. Zulewski explains:

"When our hostages came home, they were treated like kings. Our Vietnam veterans have never gotten any recognition. In Mr. Morio's case, we saw an opportunity to do something for a veteran in need." The Post raised \$1,024 of the \$4,000 needed to pay for the air ambulance, landing fee and equipment Morio needed during the flight.

Besides coming to the aid of terminally ill youngsters, Post 3943 held a benefit jamboree last spring to raise the \$1,500 cost of sending 45 handicapped children to three days of summer camp. And then there was the case of the late Nicky Gallas, a young leukemia victim whose fondest wish was to meet Detroit Tiger star Mark Fidrych. Mrs. Zulewski got in touch with the pitcher who, in turn, telephoned Nicky, promising to visit him as soon as he could. But despite the Post's many efforts on behalf of terminally ill and handicapped youngsters, money remains a major concern.

"The more we raise for our children's fund, the more gets taken out," says Mrs. Zulewski. "So many youngsters really need our help. We are certainly going to continue to do everything we can to increase the size, scope and effectiveness of our project so that we can better serve the special needs and interests of these youngsters."

Both the Zulewskis and members of the Post and Auxiliary feel their perpetual children's fund is one of the most richly rewarding, worthwhile community services any VFW Post could provide.

VFW IN ACTION



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1. Christy Garthwaite, Miss New Jersey—USA, crowns Miss New Jersey—VFW, Linda Joy Misner, representing Burlington County, at the 1981 Department of New Jersey Convention. Charles Sauer, master of ceremonies of Post 4290, turns over the winning trophy.

2. Seated next to President Ronald Reagan, Commander-in-Chief Arthur Fellwock joins with leaders of 27 other veterans' and military groups at a White House briefing on veterans' affairs and economic and foreign policy.

3. Connecticut Gov. William A. O'Neill (C), a life member of Post 5095, East Hampton, Conn., receives his VFW cap inscribed "Governor" from immediate Past Department Commander Everett Butler. Looking on at right is William J. Johnston, a Medal of Honor recipient.

4. On the right, Herman Charles Phillips, chairman of the Building Committee presents the keys to the new Department of Arkansas Headquarters Building to State Commander Dewayne Fletcher. Commander-in-Chief Arthur Fellwock (L) dedicated the new building after the 50th annual Convention.



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5. Assistant Adjutant Gen. Edward Burnham (R) and State Commander John Simmons (L) present the VFW National Community Services Bronze Award of Merit to All-State Post Commander Ervin Rothenbuhler, of Silver Spring, Md., Post 2562.
6. Jr. Vice Commander Jim Maas, of Post 568, Stevens Point, Wis., gets the signature of Sr. Vice Commander Asbury Nix, a Japanese prisoner from 1942 to 1945, on one of the petitions demanding action on the Vietnam POWs/MIAs. Post efforts netted 650 names.
7. Vice President George Bush presents Capt. James E. Wentz, a member of Post 7689, Roaring Spring, Pa., with a greeting included in Wentz's speech at the Post's Memorial Day program.
8. Past Commander Marcus Dahl (R), of Post 3256, Montague, Mich., installs his son, Kenneth, as Commander of the Post. The elder Dahl is a charter member of Post 3256.

Sgt. Rock

"Because of my name people call me 'Rock', but I'll tell you who the real rock of the Army is," Wilhelm says, exploding with pride, "the little guys. Private to Spec-four." When push comes to shove they are the men who do most of the fighting and dying.



"The American soldier," Sgt. Maj. Clarence Wilhelm says, "is the finest fighting man in the world! I pity any poor SOB who doubts our Army's will to fight, because if push comes to shove, the U.S. Army will kick any enemy's . . .!"

Wilhelm's thoughts and opinions are respected and heard throughout the 3rd Brigade ranks at Fort Carson, Colo., where Wilhelm until recently was the brigade sergeant major. He is one of the few NCOs with more than 30 years' service.

Wilhelm continues talking about his favorite subject, the U.S. fighting man: "You know why our troops will win? Because our men are born in freedom and they don't like to have anyone threaten that freedom. That's what made our Army great 200 years ago and makes it great today!"

Stories of the fiery sergeant major at Fort Carson had begun to spread after his parade when he re-enlisted for five more years a few months ago following 30 years' active service. One of the very few E-9s allowed this extension, Wilhelm is an outspoken critic of anyone who doesn't have faith in the U.S. Army. He is now command sergeant major of the Army's readiness region at Fort Sheridan, Ill. He admits the Army has its problems, but is quick to add that none of them are so big they cannot be solved. He is not big on ceremony and was heard grumbling about the "waste of time" his parade was when the troops could have "used their time training!"

The troops at Fort Carson both loved and feared "The Rock". He's quick to point out a mistake by a soldier and is known to "fall hard on NCOs who don't do their jobs." The reason is obvious: Wilhelm started his career on the Korean battlefields and on the wrong foot. When he calms down after telling people why they should believe in their soldiers and not belittle them, he leans back in his chair and folds his hands. Slowly he collects his thoughts and continues.

"I've seen a lot of war," he says slowly, "too much I suppose. But, I've reached the conclusion that it's not what the young troops want to believe it is—glory and all that crap. It is kill your enemy. You kill him first. Then you get it over with by winning it as quickly as possible. There's no glory in that.

"The thing I don't like is the idea of American boys dying in any war. The only way we can keep them alive to raise their families is not to have to fight, but to be ready to fight, then when we do fight kill the enemy first, and kill lots of them. Then pick up the pieces and go home."

Wilhelm is not talking just to hear himself ramble but remembering what it was like 32 years earlier, in September, 1949. He was still a hot-headed youngster working for his father in Hawaii as a truck driver. One morning they had an argument and Wilhelm threw the truck keys to his father and stomped off. The next day he walked across the Hawaiian island of Maui to enlist in the Army. A few months later he was a scout with the 29th Infantry in Japan when the Korean War exploded into world headlines. In Korea, Wilhelm admits, he learned how to fight—the hard way—by losing the first round.

"We got our . . . kicked," he says slowly. "In that first fight I learned a few lessons about the battlefield. One of them was about always having your support where you want it. We went out to take a little village and ran into the whole damn North Korean army.

"Well, we finally fought our way out of that mess and ended up on a hill with a river at the bottom of a cliff and our backs to it. There were six of us and a master sergeant named Shepherd who had been a major in World War II, then reverted back. We were surrounded, except for that river, didn't have any support and no chance of getting any. Everyone on our side was on the run. Shep ordered us to give

by Galen L. Geer

him our weapons and ammo, then told us to jump into the river and swim for it. I looked back just before I jumped and there was Shep going crazy shooting up the North Koreans while the rest of us ran for it.

"I thought Shep was dead but I ran into him about three months later without a scratch on him. He was back up to major, too. I asked him how he got out and he said he just kept shooting until he was out of ammo, then he ran like hell and let the North Koreans have the hill. I knew all of us owed Shep our lives."

Wilhelm folded his hands on his desk, then added: "Right then I knew that was the kind of soldier I wanted to be. But it took a few years to learn the kind of soldier that was."

Wilhelm's first enlistment was a dismal failure. He didn't really intend to stay in the Army and fought it just as hard as he fought the North Koreans. He hadn't forgotten about Shep and the hill. Wilhelm admits he just didn't understand what happened.

"I thought I was a hot-shot," he explains. "I didn't want responsibility. When the platoon commander told me I was going to be a squad leader, I would tell him, 'like hell, make him one,' and refuse the job."

Although he was wounded twice during his 16 months in Korea, Wilhelm says, with a smile, he wouldn't be surprised if he was shot by an irate GI.

"If anyone took a pot-shot at me because I ticked him off I don't blame him at all—I deserved it."

With this slovenly beginning behind him, Wilhelm found himself, after three years in the Army, married with no idea what he would do outside. The only thing he could do was soldier.

"I decided I wanted to re-enlist but couldn't because I was still a private after three years. I asked the chaplain to help me re-up and he did, after chewing me out for being hard-headed."

Wilhelm was still not on the road to a successful career with the Army. He made staff sergeant, then found himself

in trouble again and was busted back to corporal.

"Well," Wilhelm says, "that did it. I lost my furniture, my car, the works. Somehow, though, my wife was willing to stick it out with me and I was able to start getting my act together."

Before he was really on the road, however, Wilhelm found he was still having problems. He had caught the attention of a mess sergeant named Bailey. The burly sergeant pulled Wilhelm over and gave him "the chewing out of my career."

It worked. Wilhelm began to work his way back through the ranks and his records began filling up with letters of commendation. He was becoming a real soldier. About the same time that he made sergeant his troops around him learned that his Hawaiian name Pohaka translates into "Rock". The "Rock" has followed him ever since. The first

time it was heard in combat, however, was 1965 in Vietnam during the first of his two tours.

As a first sergeant he had been sent to Nam with the 69th Armored Battalion, the first armored unit to enter the war. There weren't enough troops to fill every slot so everyone, cooks, clerks and anyone else who could walk was on the perimeter.

"I had this driver, a skinny kid but a good soldier, who was trying his best to make it in a combat zone that I had put out on an LP," Wilhelm recalls. "All of a sudden there was a lot of shooting around us and I heard the kid yelling for me, 'Rock! Rock!' I crawled out to him and calmed him down then

brought him back. The name just stuck after that."

Being a real, living Rock does not impress Wilhelm. What does impress him are the troops he works with.

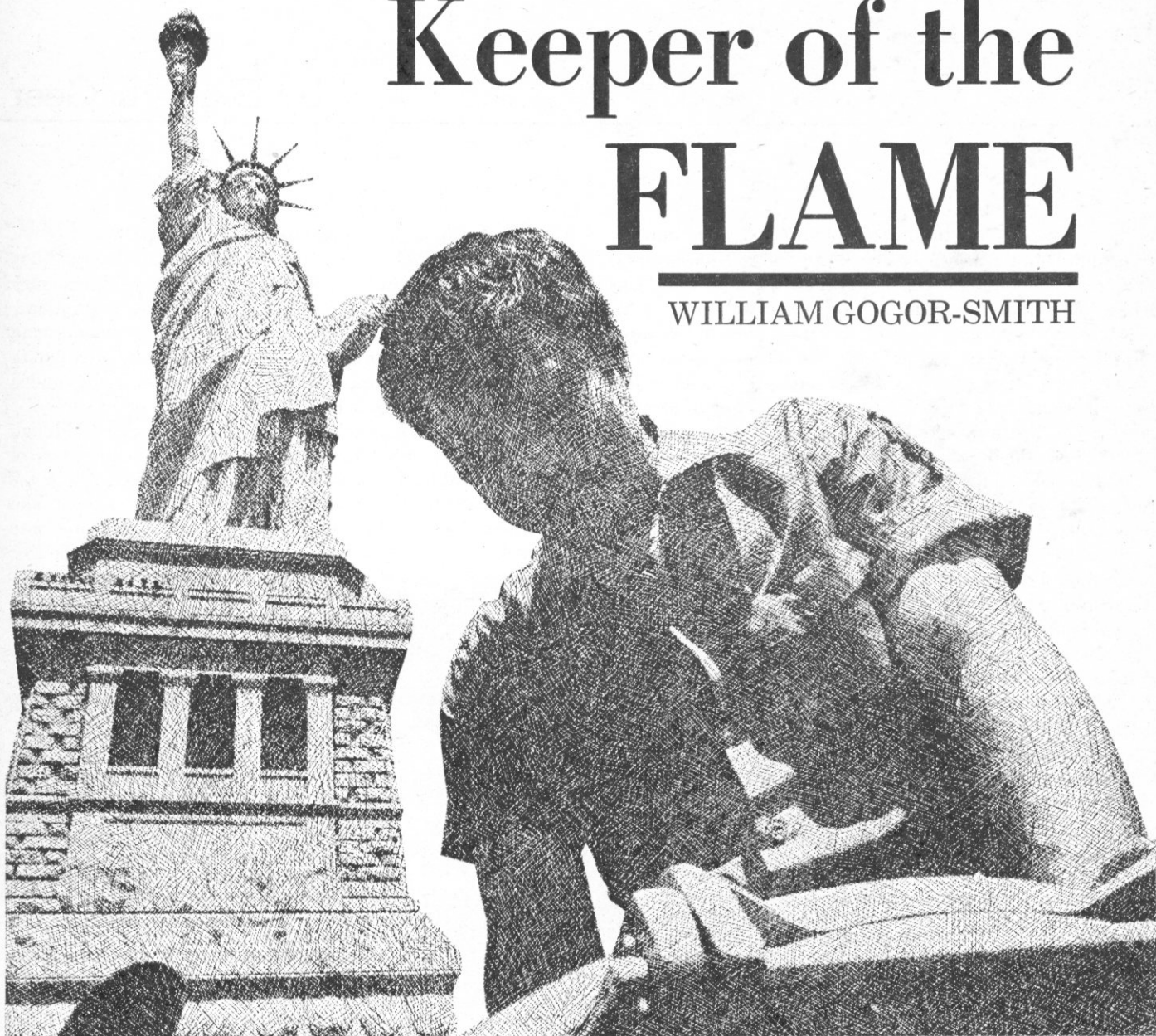
"People don't believe me when I say that we've got the best Army in the world. Well, I'm telling the truth. I've fought two wars side-by-side with American GIs. Neither one of them was one like World War II and I found out our Army is good. Vietnam was the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time, but I will say the men who fought that war deserve more than they got. They fought to win and



Sgt. Maj. Clarence Wilhelm, the legendary "Rock," inspects the troops after he reenlists for another five years.

Keeper of the FLAME

WILLIAM GOGOR-SMITH



Charlie DeLeo has been in love with the Statue of Liberty ever since his first visit at the age of 9 with his schoolmates from Public School 42.

He did not realize at the time that one day he would return and become the Keeper of the Flame—the man responsible for climbing the 42-foot ladder inside the lady's extended right arm and maintaining the four 500-watt lamps that produce the 'flame' for Liberty Enlightening the World.

The torch intrigued Charlie right from the beginning, but he never had the courage to sneak up there. Final-

ly, a month after being hired he did. Since then it has become a regular occurrence.

"It's always a thrill going up there," Charlie says, smiling to reveal strong, wide-spaced teeth and looking much younger than his 31 years. "The harbor is a beautiful sight and you can see for miles in every direction, past the George Washington Bridge on the west, the Verrazano Bridge to the south, and all the way up the East River to the Bronx. The Manhattan skyline is spectacular, too. But the most incredible thing is the Statue itself, bigger by far than the

Colossus of Rhodes, it has to rank as one of the architectural wonders of the world."

Of course, word got out about Charlie's visits and he was afraid of being fired. But his supervisor was an understanding man and when he saw that Charlie wasn't bothered by the height or the swaying from the high winds, he offered him the permanent job of maintaining the torch and anything else up there that needed mending. Charlie has made daily trips ever since, not minding the climb at all.

After seven years of maintaining

the torch by himself, including a midnight climb over the metal and glass lattice work covering it 302 feet from the ground after lightning had struck, he acquired the unofficial title of Keeper of the Flame.

Whenever Charlie speaks, his special relationship with the Statue comes to the fore. "The torch is a unique place," says Charlie. Now the smile is gone and a deep seriousness is etched across his face.

"It's quiet up there, like being in a cathedral. Sometimes I meditate or write poetry. Mushy stuff mostly, about this fantastic Statue and this great country of ours. But most important when I'm there my mind is amazingly clear and it was at the torch that for the first time I saw purpose to my life."

When the rockets came in and destroyed the fuel depot at Da Nang airstrip, Charlie did not see much purpose to life in general. He was not more than 600 yards away and running for cover with several other Marines. The concussion knocked him flat and the heat from the immense fireball rising 1,000 feet into the night sky felt like a blowtorch held inches from his face. Not sure he would survive, he reflected on the waste of life, the same nagging thought he had had during five previous mortar attacks when he had seen Marines and civilians dying around him in flame and carnage. How many more times would the scene be repeated? How much more could mind and body take?

Shortly afterward, while recuperating in a hospital from a shrapnel wound, he gave up his ideas for reenlistment and vengeance against the Cong. He returned to civilian life convinced he had something important to accomplish, but he had no idea what it was.

Like many other Vietnam veterans, he had difficulty finding work. He drifted through a series of bad jobs and finally ended up unemployed. Fate guided him to Battery Park one day while looking for work. The magic of the Statue shimmering in the distance made him take the boat ride to Liberty Island and ask for

a job.

"That Statue of Liberty is very important to Americans," Charlie explains, "and to the world. You should see the way people get choked up when they come here. Sure, maybe they spend more time in the snack bar than they should, but you can see when they look up at her how impressed they are. Copper, iron and steel, that's all she's made of. But what she stands for can't be expressed in simple words. It's an emotional language she speaks, one that everyone in the world understands."

"The Statue means a lot to me, and there's nothing I wouldn't do to keep

The man responsible for climbing the Statue of Liberty

her standing. Like the night the lightning struck and I ended up crawling over the top of the torch in a storm. There was a bad wind that night and don't think I wasn't scared, but there could have been serious leakage and I couldn't let the Lady down. I owe her too much. We all do.

"Sometimes I look up and it's like being hypnotized, I can't take my eyes away. It's not only her size and beauty, but a lot of things. Gracefulness for one, the way she is stepping forward over the broken shackles at her feet. You can imagine how the immigrants felt when they first saw her.

"During the Bicentennial the night of the fireworks display, I manned one of the giant flood lights and when the fireworks went off the entire pedestal, 70 feet above the water, was hidden by smoke. The Statue looked like she was standing on a cloud, almost life-like with the smoke and the lights playing over her. There were thousands of people watching and I never heard such cheering in my life. I read about the dedication in 1886 and it seemed that history was repeating itself. I was proud, tremendously proud.

"There's never been a country like this in the entire history of man. The ancient Greeks had the right ideas, but their Golden Age lasted only 30 years. We have 200 behind us, and we still have a long way to go."

Patriotism was the main reason he enlisted in the Marine Corps and volunteered for Vietnam. "The country was in trouble and it was time to give something back. Now I'm still giving by helping Americans appreciate their heritage. That's very important, especially for the kids. There was a time when it wasn't so popular to be patriotic. Now I see things changing and I'm glad I can do my part. You have to give to the country. You can't just take."

Charlie has always been generous. Not necessarily in the modern usage of the word, but in the original meaning of literally to generate. He believes that giving can create a chain reaction that can extend through a neighborhood, around a country, or even the world and hold it together.

That bit of philosophy came from reading about the American Indians, and Charlie has seen it work in his own neighborhood on the Lower East Side where as a child he and everyone around him lived in poverty and in the midst of street gangs.

"It was amazing how an act of kindness bounced from person to person. Even a simple greeting went a long way. We didn't have much, but looking back maybe we had more than we realized. I think if we gave more we'd be a lot richer."

Charlie struck it rich a short time ago when he returned to his old neighborhood on Forsythe Street and saw a bunch of kids playing ball in a vacant lot. He joined the game and got to know them. They were poor kids and didn't even own a decent ball or glove. A week later, on payday, Charlie returned with nine baseball gloves, a bat and two softballs. Some of the kids were so overwhelmed they forgot to thank him, but Charlie felt what was in their hearts and that was reward enough. More important, he recognized the

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States Act On Agent Orange

New Jersey

By William W. Lewis

Thua Thien Province, Vietnam . . . The infantryman looked off in the distance and could see the C-123 Hercules Provider flying low over the jungle. The plane circled, and began a pass, pouring the liquid defoliant Agent Orange on the jungle below . . .

During the period of 1962 to 1971, more than 50 million pounds of Agent Orange was used in Vietnam to deny the enemy food supplies and sanctuary, the product was spread from airplanes, helicopters, trucks and hand pumps.

Many Vietnam veterans conceivably came into contact with Agent Orange directly or by being in areas where it was used. Additional exposure may have come through drinking water and eating native vegetables.

While the number of veterans, the severity of their exposure or its effects are unknown, the Agent Orange controversy has become a matter of national concern.

New Jersey became the first state to do something about Agent Orange in February, 1980, when Gov. Brendan Byrne signed Assembly Bill 3401 creating the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission.

The Commission has seven unpaid members, four of them Vietnam veterans. Its two primary charges are to assist all New Jersey Vietnam veterans by a series of outreach programs and to conduct a retrospective epidemiological survey for a definitive health pattern among these veterans.

New Jersey has approximately 56,000 Vietnam veterans. The first task of the commission has been to locate them. This in itself is not easy, since no lists are available from the Veterans Administration or other sources telling who the veterans are or where they are. The commission has turned to the state's veterans' organizations for help.

In December, 1980, the commission began a series of seminars for representatives of the state's veterans' or-

New York

By Stephen T. Banko III

Advised at a VA hospital to get a vasectomy if he was worried about the effect of Agent Orange on his unborn children, a Vietnam veteran told a former Marine sergeant who had lost both legs in Vietnam combat of the incident.

"When that young man told me this shocking story, I became determined to get some answers about Agent Orange for this man and for tens of thousands of other Vietnam veterans in New York facing the same dire consequences," said State Assemblyman John L. Behan, Past Commander of Post 550.

Thus began the bi-partisan campaign to set the machinery of New York State government in motion to produce some fact in an area where speculation, rumor and uncertainty reigned.

Behan was joined by James R. Tallon, who chaired the Assembly Health Committee, and Roger J. Robach, who had chaired the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs. Aided by Assemblyman Richard J. Connors, they drafted legislation for an investigatory commission.

As Love Canal seeped into the collective conscience of the State Assembly, the panel's mission was broadened to include industrial workers who might have been in contact with dioxin in the work place.

Composition of the commission, however, left little doubt that the primary focus would be on Agent Orange. The legislation mandated that five of the board's nine seats be filled by Vietnam Era veterans.

"The strenuous push to enact this legislation stemmed from the desire to eliminate the uncertainty now clouding the lives of Vietnam veterans and their families," explained Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink, himself a Vietnam Era veteran who was instrumental in shepherding the bill through.

The commission is officially known as the Temporary State Commission on

The Others

This is another part in the continuing review of what is being done by the VFW to aid veterans exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam.

As early as October, 1978, the VFW National Veterans Service reflected the organization's concern over Agent Orange when it enlisted the assistance of Department Service Officers in identifying Vietnam veterans who had come into contact with the herbicide.

The Service Officers were asked to refer to the National Veterans Service in Washington cases in their states that had been denied a claim of service connection or treatment.

And on Oct. 17, 1978, then Commander-in-Chief Eric Sandstrom announced that Service Officers had been instructed to assist any Vietnam veteran in processing claims for service-connected disabilities which might arise from Agent Orange exposure.

Two years later, Department Service Officers were supplied with a questionnaire prepared by the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee to determine the quality of treatment given veterans examined by the VA for herbicide exposure.

At about the same time, Fred Mullen, a VFW claims consultant in the Washington Office, prepared a comprehensive paper for Department Service Officers on Agent Orange that described the symptoms related to exposure and introduced the possibility of damage from other herbicides used in Vietnam—Agents Purple, White, Pink, Green and Blue.

The paper also included suggestions for assisting the veteran in preparing for the VA examination and asked that the Department Services Officers report whether or not claims were allowed or denied, examination results, treatment and diagnosis to assist the VFW in monitoring herbicide-related claims.

A check with Department Adjutants revealed additional action taken in

New Jersey

ganizations. These regionalized meetings bring together representatives of the VFW and other groups. They have been well attended and the concern of the organizations is genuine.

Seminar participants first receive a thorough briefing on Agent Orange from commission member Dr. Peter Kahn, a research biochemist at Rutgers University. By the time he completes his lecture, everyone attending the session knows far more than when he entered the room.

VA representatives handle medical and administrative questions. This part of the seminar is especially useful to Service Officers, who can get answers to their questions about dealing with the VA and helping the veteran.

Those attending are asked to refer Vietnam veterans to the commission as well as to the VA for an Agent Orange screening physical. This serves to get the veterans registered with the commission for a mailing list to keep him informed and to include the results of his physical in the VA's Agent

Orange Registry Program of collecting and collating this medical data on a nationwide basis.

Besides Dr. Kahn, the commission has two other professional members who comprise the technical group within the commission. They are Dr. Ralph W. Fogelman, toxicologist, and Dr. Laura E. Morrow, a psychiatrist. These three are preparing the Retrospective Epidemiological Survey (RES).

This will be a detailed scientific survey of the state's Vietnam veterans. Health profiles for each veteran who responds to the survey will include pre- and post-Vietnam health history, locations in Vietnam where the veteran served and military occupation. This data will be compared to the federal government's HERBS tapes, which detail locations of Agent Orange spraying missions. The data will be examined for a correlation between exposure to Agent Orange and subsequent health problems. The commission is hoping to survey at least 30,000 to 40,000 of the state's

veterans for patterns of health problems. Dr. Kahn believes that if a group this size can be surveyed, scientific parallels can begin to be drawn. To date, no group of Vietnam veterans this large has been surveyed.

The Vietnam veterans on the commission have put together a self-help guide that gives the veteran pertinent information about Agent Orange and tells him where to go for help. Over 1,000 guides have been distributed so far.

In addition to the seminars, the commission is preparing a series of workshops to be directed specifically at the Vietnam veteran. The workshop will provide information, assist the veteran in filing forms and claims and offer counseling.

The commission is receiving assistance from several veterans who have volunteered their time to do paperwork, man the phones and help counsel other veterans. The movement is growing as more and more become aware of the work the commission is doing.

New York

Dioxin Exposure.

Another Vietnam veteran, Joseph E. Brett, is executive director of the commission. He sees its goal as "attaining the solid ground of fact, instead of reliance on speculation, and adds, "We will spare no effort to secure information from all sectors of this state, from veterans, from chemical company representatives and from medical personnel.

"We want to guarantee that when the work of this commission is complete we can present the most thorough and accurate body of information ever assembled on this topic."

Chairman is Robert Santos, of New York City. Joining him are fellow Vietnam Era veterans, Ron DeBoer, of

North Babylon; James Donohue, of Buffalo; Michael Finnerty, of Albany, and Ruth Young, of Jamaica. Representatives of the business community, public employee unions and the private sector of labor round out the commission's membership.

They face a critically important task as New York has been joined by six other states in seeking an accounting of the hazards posed to Vietnam veterans by this chemical.

"Perhaps through our demonstration of commitment, we can spur other states and the federal government to marshall their collective consciousness in an effort to provide the answers to the vital questions Agent Orange poses," says Behan.

The Others

other states on behalf of veterans exposed to the herbicide.

Minnesota has been in the forefront of state efforts since 1979 when the Department of Veterans Affairs began seeking out Vietnam veterans.

Questionnaires were sent to 55,000 veterans, whose names were obtained from the State Vietnam Bonus Section. Approximately 20,000 responded.

In February, 1980, the VFW Minnesota Department sent notices to several Posts asking that they help with the State Agent Orange Outreach Program. State officials acknowledge that without the help of the VFW, other veterans' groups and county service officers the program would have failed.

As it was, 13,820 applications for physical examinations by the VA in Minneapolis were sent out and 6,262

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YORKTOWN: BRITISH SURRENDER

'The World Turned Upside Down'

On horseback, Gen. Benjamin Lincoln accepts Lord Cornwallis's sword from Gen. O'Hara at Yorktown on Oct. 19, 1781. Cornwallis was ill that day and George Washington, right, appointed Lincoln to take the surrender. The beaten British then marched through the lines of French on the left and the Americans on the right.



BY JAMES K. ANDERSON

It had been a long and bloody trail that began near Boston in 1775 and ended in Virginia at the village of Yorktown on Oct. 19, 1781, with the surrender of the British forces under Lord Charles Cornwallis to George Washington.

Actually, Cornwallis himself did not present his sword to Washington. Illness, the Englishman said, prevented this, so he left this ritual to Gen. Charles O'Hara. Acting for Washington, Gen. Benjamin Lincoln accepted Cornwallis's sword and promptly returned it to O'Hara.

One writer described the scene like this:

"At two in the afternoon, the garrison marched out, spick-and-span in new uniforms, their colors cased and their bands playing an old British march entitled 'The World Turned Upside Down.' The allies (Americans and French) were paraded in two lines. The French, resplendent in their white broadcloth uniforms, displayed a martial and noble appearance. The Americans, though not all in uniform, nor their dress so neat, yet exhibited an erect soldierly air and every countenance beamed satisfaction."

The defeated British marched between these lines. The British and their Hessian mercenaries marched into an area surrounded by French cavalry and piled their weapons. Troops under the murderous Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, who feared he would be killed if he surrendered to the Americans, gave up to the French Gen. de Choisy in Gloucester across the York River.

All in all, prisoners taken numbered 7,247 soldiers and 840 seamen. Eighteen German regimental banners and six British were captured, along with 244 pieces of artillery.

News of the surrender was carried to Philadelphia and Congress by Lt. Col. Tench Tilghman who arrived at 3 a.m., Oct., 22. Washington's official dispatches came two days later.

It was not until Nov. 25 that word reached England. Lord North, the prime minister, cried out, "Oh God! It is all over." King George was shocked, too, but he soon said he wanted to continue the war.

Parliament, however, had other ideas and voted on March 4, 1782, to declare as enemies to the king and the country all who would advise further prosecution of the war "for the purpose of reducing the revolted colonies to obedience

by force."

How had Cornwallis got himself into such a disastrous situation?

The background of this lies in events that took place three, even four or five years earlier.

After the British evacuated Boston early in 1776, they moved to New York. Washington then had to

abandon New York and lower New Jersey. In 1777, Philadelphia, the capital, was captured. This loss, however, was offset by the surrender of British Gen. John Burgoyne at Saratoga, N.Y., four years to the day before Yorktown. This American victory in the North is regarded by some historians as the war's turning point because it induced the French to ally themselves with the Americans.

For the next two years, no advantage was gained by either side, but two American defeats dimmed patriot hopes—that of Gen. Lincoln after the long siege of Charleston, S.C., and Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden, S.C. Both were total.

French troops aided Washington in the North and in the South. Frontiersmen virtually wiped out a British-Tory force at the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina. Also in the South Gen. Nathanael Greene was building another army, which Cornwallis decided was vital to British victory in that region. Cornwallis, the British commander in the South, penetrated further and further as Greene withdrew. Finally Cornwallis pulled back and Greene pursued him.

At Guilford Courthouse, N.C., on March 15, 1781, Cornwallis attacked Greene, who withdrew. Cornwallis sustained 93 killed and nearly 500 wounded. Then he marched off to Wilmington, N.C., but realized he could no longer hold Georgia and the two Carolinas, scene of much fighting the Revolution, and moved into Virginia.

The Americans storm the defenses of Yorktown to force the surrender of this British strongpoint and end the Revolutionary War on Oct. 19, 1781.



The siege of Yorktown is directed from this headquarters by George Washington, right foreground. When the British surrendered this small Virginia town, the Revolutionary War was over and America was free.

Cornwallis left several garrisons, which Greene moved against. Finally, only two British-held cities remained in the South, Savannah, Ga., and Charleston.

In the later winter of 1780-81, the traitor Benedict Arnold raided Virginia and devastated Richmond.

Washington turned his attention to the South and

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Hand in hand with these defense themes were the thriftiness and durability of the new '42 models. Even Cadillac boasted, "You can THRIFTILY come up to Cadillac," claiming 14 to 17 mpg. The new Ford was called "An unusual car for these unusual times" in which "new materials have replaced old ones but in every case the new is equal to or better than the old!"

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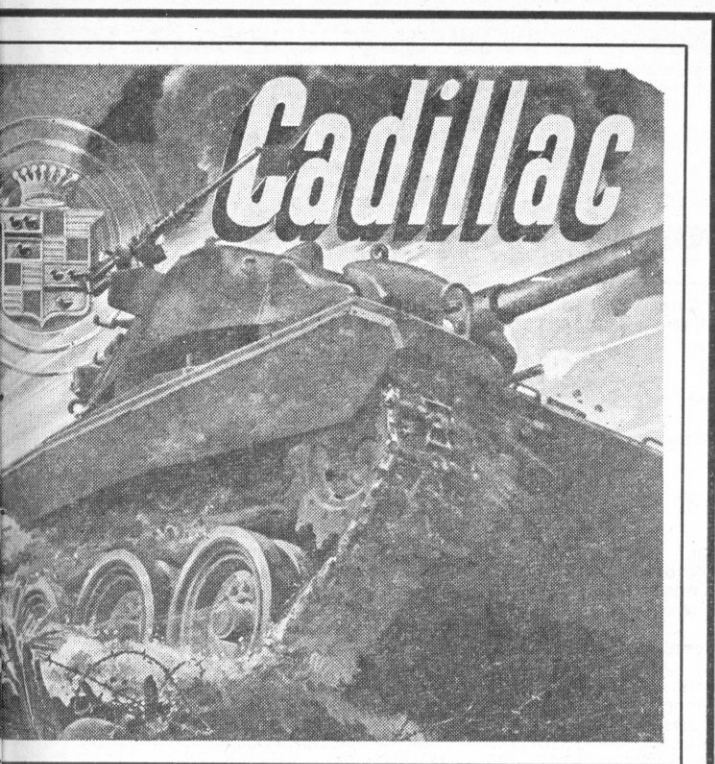
OUR JOB - KEEP 'EM FIRING!

One of the first motor car companies to swing into war production, a large-volume task, Oldsmobile enters the new year with a non-stop, around-the-clock, 7-day-a-week program on war material. In addition to steel for the artillery, Oldsmobile is already going full speed ahead on cannon for fighting planes. Oldsmobile's all-out slogan for 1942: "Let's get everybody - KEEP 'EM FIRING!"

*Hydra-Matic Drive Optional at Extra Cost

CARS OF '42 WHEN INDUSTRY MEANT VICTORY

By Jerry Heasley



instances of what we have done...

Plastics Replace Metal for Interior Trim

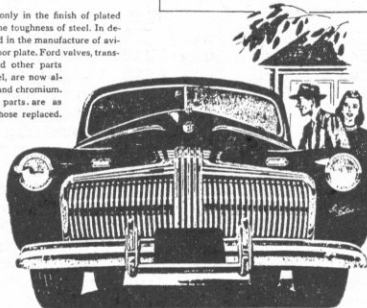
Developing plastics for a long time. The value of this is now apparent. The use of plastics in instrument panel, door handles and other interior trim. Large quantities of zinc formerly used for plating as well as nickel and chromium are now alloyed with molybdenum and chromium. For the purpose, these parts are as good as or better than those replaced.

Molybdenum Replaces Nickel

Nickel is important not only in the finish of plated metal but in improving the toughness of steel. In defense production it is used in the manufacture of aviation engine parts and armor plate. Ford valves, transmission gears, shafts, and other parts formerly containing nickel, are now alloyed with molybdenum and chromium. For the purpose, these parts are as good as or better than those replaced.

Some Results in Defense Metals Saved

Based on present conditions, here are some examples of how new materials and methods in the 1942 Ford are helping relieve defense "shortages." Figures show the cut in use this year of the materials named:
Primary (new) Aluminum has been cut out 100%... Secondary (re-used) Aluminum has been cut down 70%... Nickel has been cut down by 90.7%... Magnesium, cut out almost entirely, is down 98.7%... Zinc has been reduced by 37.5%... Copper, Tin, Lead, and Tungsten cut down in varying amounts from 5.2% to 81%.



Most Modern 6... America's Lowest-priced 8

Plymouth called it, "The Battle of Detroit." Oldsmobile declared, "Defense Comes First." Ford advertised, "Full Production For Victory."

Likewise, the rest of the nation's automakers and their thousands of suppliers joined the nationwide effort to mass produce material to crush the armies of Hirohito, Hitler and Mussolini.

America called for 10 million men from 19 to 45 to register for the military, while an additional 30 million souls were needed to produce vast quantities of war armaments—tanks, planes, rifles, anti-aircraft guns, trucks.

In an ad on Dec. 29, 1941, three weeks after Pearl Harbor, Plymouth probably best summed up the involvement of the auto industry with the boast that "A Strong Automobile Industry Is The Backbone Of Defense."

Further, the ad's text said:

"Today, the giant production system that can turn out more automobiles and better automobiles than the rest of the world put together is helping to accomplish the greatest armament production program the world has ever seen!"

That was after Pearl Harbor, after the U.S. declared war, when the auto industry and the nation were flung into the war with both feet. Soon, production of cars and light trucks for civilian use would grind to a halt.

However, early in 1941, the War Department had warned automakers the U.S. might soon be engulfed in the fighting that had been raging since 1939. In April, Henry Ford and crew broke ground at Willow Run, a few miles west of Detroit, to build the world's largest airplane factory, the B-24 bomber facility, with millions of square feet of floor space. Also Chrysler was flush with defense contracts, building 28-ton tanks on a mass production assembly line. War seemed months away for the peaceful United States.

Then, in August, 1941, the Office of Production Management, which later became the War Production Board, set auto quotas for the rest of the year. Production would be 73.5% of the previous year. By mid-September, however, the defense effort deepened and OPM lowered December output to 51.6%, and January to 49%. These were shaky times, uncertain days, to be building cars. But, undaunted, automakers went ahead and readied a crop of new 1942 models to appear on schedule in dealer showrooms in the fall of 1941. The last 1941 model rolled off a Ford assembly line on Aug. 27.

Although the new 1942s were competing for customers during late September and early October, by the last day of November, about 80% of the auto plants throughout the country had defense work in progress or in planning. Primary attention had gone to defense contracts rather than to development of new cars.

High priority metals such as chro-

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posts of 1,000 members or more

Recorded as of July 31, 1981				1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Place	Post No.	Location	Membership																				
1	1114	Evansville, Indiana	3766	64	577	733	733	733	733	733	733	733	733	733	733	733	733	733	733	733	733	733	733
2	3579	Park Ridge, Illinois	2845	65	2529	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435
3	49	Mobile, Alabama	2560	66	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435	1435
4	1064	Huntington, West Virginia	2535	67	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432
5	47	Uniontown, Pennsylvania	2526	68	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201	1201
6	628	Sioux Falls, South Dakota	2494	69	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650	1650
7	131	Lincoln, Nebraska	2491	70	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199	2199
8	1308	Alton, Illinois	2488	71	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057	4057
9	1146	Saint Clair Shores, Michigan	2380	72	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796	6796
10	1273	Rapid City, South Dakota	2322	73	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549	549
11	5555	Richfield, Minnesota	2180	74	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087	4087
12	6704	Mechanicsburg, Penn.	2116	75	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145
13	360	Mishawaka, Indiana	2102	76	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266	5266
14	2290	Manville, New Jersey	2056	77	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838	3838
15	1296	Bloomington, Minnesota	2012	78	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093	2093
16	1736	Alexandria, Louisiana	1975	79	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175	7175
17	3382	Kingsport, Tennessee	1930	79	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079	1079
18	249	Butler, Pennsylvania	1910	81	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865	1865
19	6640	Metairie, Louisiana	1905	81	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599	1599
20	5263	Fort Sill, Oklahoma	1898	81	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640	2640
21	283	Kingston, Pennsylvania	1877	84	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428	428
22	2100	Everett, Washington	1872	85	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251	6251
23	4903	Tucson, Arizona	1859	86	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447	447
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25	401	Albuquerque, New Mexico	1855	88	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987	7987
26	112	Wichita, Kansas	1819	89	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474	1474
27	8541	San Antonio, Texas	1808	90	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832	832
28	573	Clarksburg, West Virginia	1772	91	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501
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30	969	Tacoma, Washington	1742	93	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346	2346
31	379	Yakima, Washington	1710	94	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777	3777
32	2130	Lake Charles, Louisiana	1698	95	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969	9969
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42	1275	Lima, Ohio	1551	105	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087
43	762	Fargo, North Dakota	1533	106	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368	3368
44	641	Columbia, South Carolina	1531	107	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827	6827
45	7330	Oakville, Connecticut	1528	108	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944	1944
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47	589	Hazleton, Pennsylvania	1519	110	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990
48	2012	Abilene, Texas	1510	110	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240	6240
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50	53	Jamestown, New York	1493	113	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074	3074
51	1621	Janesville, Wisconsin	1491	114	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588	3588
52	23	Lebanon, Pennsylvania	1490	115	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800
53	2539	Gulfport, Mississippi	1486	116	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639	1639
54	6896	Detroit, Michigan	1484	117	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99
55	9400	Sunnyslope, Arizona	1480	118	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488	4488
56	1003	Jefferson City, Missouri	1478	118	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847	847
57	1989	Indiana, Pennsylvania	1475	120	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	5064	50



national aides-de-camp

These VFW members have distinguished themselves by winning appointments as National Aides-de-Camp, Recruiting Class, during the month of August, 1981. To be eligible for this award, a member must collect the dues of at least 50 new and/or reinstated members.

Robert H. Polly, Post 6486, Carrollton, Ky.; George Hawkins, Post 9519, Oil City, La.; Cleophas A. Barringer, Post 1011, Peabody, Mass.; Charles W. Greenan, Jr., Post 7423, Malden, Mass.; William E. Langjahr, Sr., Post 5366, Ocie, Mo.; Marshall E. Jennings, Post 335, Cranford, N.J., and Marion Pressley, Post 8246, Vidor, Texas.

VFW Enhances Community Life

Entries submitted for the finals in the 1980-81 National Community Activities Recordbook Contest clearly showed the dedication and enthusiasm VFW members willingly display in working toward improving their communities.

As Commander-in-Chief Arthur Fellwock noted, "The VFW has always striven to enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves. This year's Community Activities Recordbook entries, though repre-



Judges of the 1980-81 Community Activities Recordbook Contest with entries are Michael E. Waller, managing editor of the Kansas City Star; Mrs. Mary C. White, vice president of the Broadway National Bank, and I. J. Mnookin, assistant to the president of H & R Block, Inc.

senting only the merest tip of the organization's Community Activities iceberg, certainly reflect the greater efforts our members are making nationwide."

This year's finalists were judged in four divisions based on Post membership. They were Division I, under 200; Division II, from 200 to 499; Division III, between 500 and 999, and Division IV, 1,000 and more. The top 10 in each division won citations.

First place winners were Post 111, of Kansas City, Kans., Division I; Post 363, of Fridley, Minn., Division II; Post 5737, of Abington, Mass., Division III, and Post 1064, of Huntington, W. Va., Division IV.

The top three entries in the Overall Winners' Division were Post 5737, first, Post 1064, second, and Post 2358, of Roseville, Mich., third.

The extent of VFW community involvement is apparent in the service performed by the top four divisional

winners. Combined, they completed 1,689 separate projects at a cost of nearly \$307,000. More than 55,000 hours of donated time were devoted to the programs which benefited more than 863,000 persons.

"If one takes the time to really reflect upon just how much these four Posts have accomplished within their communities, it becomes mind-boggling when one remembers that the VFW has nearly 10,000 Posts nationwide, each providing a variety of valuable community services," Fellwock said.

The VFW's community activities are many and varied. Among those conducted by the top four winners were classes in snowmobile, gun and bicycle safety, donations of food baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas, blood donor programs, classes in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), assistance to churches, various health care organizations, police and fire departments and other community concerns, benefit dances, sponsorship of youth sports teams, a boat trip for VA hospital patients, Voice of Democracy, drug abuse seminars, Veterans Day parades and many others.

A total of 107 Posts entered this year's national finals after winning honors in the Departments.

Judges in this year's Community Activities Recordbook Contest were Mary C. White, vice president of the Broadway National Bank; I. J. Mnookin, assistant to the president of H & R Block, Inc., and Michael E. Waller, managing editor of the Kansas City Star.

Each judge commented on the scope of the work done by VFW Posts in their communities.

"I have enjoyed very much being a judge," said Mrs. White. "I can see where a lot of work was put into this project. It would be easier for the judges if the pages were numbered and the projects categorized."

"The entries were outstanding, displaying a wide variety of community service," commented Waller. "It was very difficult to rank the top 10. Congratulations should go to all the top finalists."

VFW

Recent Books

Tale of a Guinea Pig by Geoffrey Page, Bantam, 214 pages, \$2.50 (paperback). True is this profoundly gripping account of the Royal Air Force's exploits from Dunkirk to D-Day as seen through the eyes of fighter pilot Geoffrey Page.

The Bamboo Express by Benjamin Dunn, Adams Press, 204 pages, \$5.25 (paperback) and \$10.95 (cloth-bound); available from author at 1006 Roberta Dr., Murphysboro, Ill. 62966. This is the true story of how POWs captured in Java, Malaya and Singapore were forced by their Japanese captors to build a railroad through the dense jungles lining the Kwai River valley in 1943. Survivors of the 2nd Bn., 131st FA, and the USS Houston will find this work particularly interesting.

A Trial of Generals—Homa, Yamashita, MacArthur by Lawrence Taylor, Icarus Press, Inc., 233 pages, \$13.95. This is the first full treatment of two Japanese Generals under whose command, American POWs were brutalized and worse; the background, charges, trials and their executions following World War II.

Muddy Glory: America's "Indian Wars" in the Philippines, 1899-1935 by Russell Roth, Christopher, 282 pages, \$12.95. Well illustrated and documented is this historical record of America's process of "benevolent assimilation" of the Philippines following the Spanish-American War.

War Since 1945 by Michael Carver, Putnam, 322 pages, \$14.95. This work provides a clear and concise account of the causes and conduct of all the main wars that have occurred since 1945, including six British colonial conflicts, two French and America's participation in Korea and Vietnam.

Robert Fulton: Pioneer of Undersea Warfare by Wallace S. Hutcheon, Jr., Naval Institute Press, 191 pages, \$17.95. This highly readable work traces Fulton's many accomplishments in the area of naval warfare including his contribution to the development of the submarine, mine warfare and the development of the first steam-powered warship.

Aces and Aircraft of World War I by Christopher Campbell, Blandford, 144 pages, \$24.95. This lavishly illustrated work profiles 29 of the most prominent fighter pilots of World War I, as well as full details of their aircraft. Also depicted are air force uniforms, flying clothing, badges and medals.

The Evolution of Weapons and Warfare by T. N. Dupuy, Bobbs-Merrill, 350 pages, \$14.95. This work provides comprehensive histories of the 18 significant developments in weapons and their lethality and the 19 major technological advances that have influenced warfare since the dawn of recorded history.

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Sig. Co., Aircraft Wrng.—Need to contact anyone who remembers that I was in the Luzon, P.I., campaign, was captured near Mariveles, Bataan, was on Bataan Death March or me as a POW at Camp O'Donnell, Camp 1, Cabanatuan, aboard the SS Nisayo Maru or at Camp 23, Fukuoka, Japan (Aug. 5, 1944-Sept. 19, 1945).—Harvey N. Michael, 103 Harter Pl., Utica, N.Y. 13502.

Westover Field (Chicopee, Mass., Summer 1943)—Need to contact an engineer named William Kennedy or anyone knowing his whereabouts.—Mrs. Pearl M. Hayes, 726 N. Eglin Parkway, Apt. C, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. 32548.

467th AAAA Bn. (WWII)—Need to contact anyone familiar with the circumstances connected with the death of Cpl. Robert C. Vocker, Sept. 10, 1944.—Gene Vocker, 1140 St. Catherine, Florissant, Mo. 63031.

485th BG, 830th Bomb Sqdr. (1945)—Need to contact Donald Adams, A.G. Gazaille, J. Catoggio, F.D. Salter, T.O. Moore, T.F. Falcone, J.J. Chess and M. Nicholson.—V. James Barison, PO Box 1165, Torrance, Calif. 90505.

556th Engr. Hvy. Pn. Bn. (WWII)—Sept. 6, Plymouth, Ind.—Elmer F. Mensching, 315 S. Princeton, Itasca, Ill. 60143.

664th Ctrng. Sta. Hosp. (May, 1945) and 819th MP Co. B (ETO, WWII)—Need to contact Carman Parazzo, Norman H. Long, Benjamin Louis, Robert M. Hine, William J. Lupanic, Herbert C. Hogate, Jr., Raymond O. Pollen, David M. McClatchie and Capt. Theodore Eicklow, M.D.—Edward Kazunas, 45 Ringtown Rd., Shenandoah Heights, Pa. 17976.

720th Rlwy. Opn. Bn. (ETO, 1943-45)—Need to contact Col. Conrad Freeman, Capt. Coyle, Harold Barr and Loran Gallup and Lt. Willard Mansfield.—Adam A. Kober, PO Box 10393, Taft, Fla. 32809.

801st AMSR Co. (WWII)—Need to contact officers who served during November, 1945.—Lewis G. Healy, 95 B Galyan Dr., Bremerton, Wash. 98310.

872nd A/B Engrs. Avn. Bn., Co. C—Need to contact anyone who was aboard an LST off Okinawa in April, 1945, who remembers my being wounded by falling shrapnel and that stitches were required to stop my bleeding.—Fred A. Thomas, 5 Tedesco Dr., Waterbury, Conn. 06708.

997th Engr. Trdwy. Bridge Co.—Need to contact anyone remembering my fall on steps en route to guard duty in which I injured my back and elbows.—Earl W. Hartman, PO Box 185, Manistique, Mich. 49854.

2195th QM Trk. Co. (ETO, 1943-45)—Need to contact Charlie C. Culver (Okla.) and these men from New York: Joseph A. Hutton, John F. Keenan, Ronald Verity and Herman F. Johnson or persons knowing their whereabouts.—Jess F. Jamison, 106 Palmer St., Franklin, N.C. 28734.

NAVY

For Claims
LSTs 123 and 693 (1944-45) and USS Ottawa (June, 1946-Jan. 10, 1947)—Need to contact those with whom I served, especially anyone with me during A-bomb tests Able and Baker at Bikini Atoll.—James L. Gilreath, PO Box 294, Woodriver, Ill. 62095.

NAS Ord. Department, D. Navy 163 (Attu Island, 1944-45)—Need to contact anyone who served in this department who can verify my duties there.—L.E. (Jack) Zirkelbach, Box 142, Equality, Ill. 62934.

Sampson NTC, Co. 411 (April-May, 1944)—Need to contact those in my Co. who recall taking sulfa drugs in the guinea pig program.—Harold M. Matlocks, 1200 E. Ctry. Clb. Rd., No. 50, Roswell, N.M. 88201.

Seabees (WWII)—Need to contact Walter (Bud) Porter or those knowing his whereabouts.—Helen Stroschein, 25807 Bridle Ln., Leavenworth, Wash. 98826.

Staten Island Naval Base (1944); Demolition and UDT Base (Solomons, Md., 1944); Portland Weymouth, England, Raglan Barracks and the Royal Hotel with Adm. Wilkes's staff (1944-45); U.S. Navy Receiving Sta. (New Port News, Va., 1945), and the USS Boxer (1945)—Need to contact anyone who served with George Danchuk.—George Danchuk c/o Dr. Philip A. Tate, Suite 206, 251 Maitland Ave., Altamonte Springs, Fla. 32701.

USS Bismarck Sea (CVE95)—Need to contact any survivor who knew a Tully.—Gene Bartley, 110 E. 12th St., Littlefield, Texas 79339.

USS Englewood Hills (Pacific, WWII)—Need to contact Clarence Everett Snider or anyone knowing his whereabouts.—Jacqueline Tempest, RD 3, Box 429, Norristown, Pa. 19401.

USS Essex (CVA9), S-1 Div. (Subic Bay, P.I., 1957)—Need to contact former AK-3 H.A. Tessmer or anyone knowing his whereabouts.—Mrs. Vickie Y. Luarca, 9907 Sales Rd., Apt. 1, Tacoma, Wash. 98444.

USS Farquhar (DE-139)—Need to contact anyone who knew of my spinal injury suffered aboard ship, my confinement to a bunk for a week before being returned to duty or that I was declared permanently disabled on Sept. 22, 1965.—George T. Rowley, 415 Bluff St., Apt. 21N, Joliet, Ill. 60435.

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USS Honolulu (1942-45)—Need to contact anyone remembering Navy photographer Charles E. Fredrickson.—Marion Hernandez, 10109 Woodson Way, Tampa, Fla. 33618.

USS Implicit (AM246), ComMinDiv (1945-46)—Need to contact PHM 1/c Ralph Stevens, Haday, others.—Robert W. Evett, 10 Gunpowder Dr., Baltimore, Md. 21234.

USS Joseph E. Campbell (DE70/APD49, 1943-45)—Need to contact former members.—James V. Balam, 2837 Linwood Dr., Sarasota, Fla. 33582.

USS Montpelier (1944-46)—Need to contact Blackshire, Lt. C.R. Underdown, Mike L. Bennett, others who served with William J. Wells.—Edna M. Wells, 2128 McDougall, Everett, Wash. 98201.

USS Pawcatuck (AO-108)—Need to contact anyone who remembers my leg and back injuries from a fall from the motor launch on the cargo deck to the main deck or that I was sent to Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Feb. 1, 1951.—William R. Kulhamer, 622 N. 16th St., Allentown, Pa. 18102.

USS Pensacola (1943-45) or U.S. Naval Hosp. (Portsmouth, Va., 1944-48)—Need to contact anyone who served aboard either.—Eugene K. Swanson, 806 Alamogordo, N.M. 88310.

USS Pitt (APA 223)—Need to contact anyone who served aboard during its return trip from Shanghai, China, when it entered blast area Crossroads (WWII-1946).—William S. Meeks, 15971 Old Stagecoach Rd., Walton, Ore. 97490.

USS Salinan (ATF161)—Need to contact S.J. Clark, "Bones," our medic, others who remember I was injured in a fall down a ladder into the engine room during a hurricane off Cape Hatteras during autumn, 1945.—Wesley G. Ball, Sr., 745 Overheiser Rd., Forestville, N.Y. 14062.

USS Salt Lake City, Richmond, Bailey, Coghlan, Dale and Monaghan—Need to contact anyone aboard any of these ships on March 26, 1943.—John Lorelli, 815 W. 5th St., Apt. 7, Chico, Calif. 95926.

USS Wasp (CVA18) and USS Randolph (CVA15)—Need to contact anyone who served with me aboard these ships from 1951-55.—Clyde A. Tweed, Sr., 24 Swannaview Dr., Asheville, N.C. 28805.

MARINES

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American Consulate (DaNang, Vietnam, 1970-71)—Need to contact anyone who served with Marine Security.—Daniel L. Nieto, 420 Easton St., Leipsic, Ohio 45856.

Field Hosp. (Da Nang, 1965)—Need to contact these Marines and Navy corpsmen: George Bennett, Anacoski, Snider, Ackerman, Bernard Sanderson and corpsmen Stockton and Zeal, others.—Richard A. Bohn, 14 Benton Rd., Medford, Mass. 02155.

Parris Island, S.C., 3rd Bn., Pltn. 321 (May-June, 1961)—Need to contact Sgts. MacMullen and Loul, others.—A.L. Ladner, Rt. 1, Box 245, Sauer, Miss. 39574.

Provisional Marine Honor Guard (at U.N., June, 1946-Dec. 31, 1946)—Need to contact anyone with whom I served.—William M. Thomason, 714 Clifford Dr. RR, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701.

1st Marine Div., 7th Rgt., 2nd Bn., Co. H—Need to contact any Marine or Navy medical personnel who served at LZ Ross in April or May, 1970.—Charles Alexander, 1820 Port Cr., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601.

2nd Marine Div., 2nd Marines, H-3-10, 4.2 Mortar Co. (Lebanon, 1958-59)—Need to contact Sgts. Winstead, Vail and Schaaf and Cpls. Fredericks, Bruback, Kean and Jack Folchetti.—Joseph Stang, 2626 N. Haskel Dr., Tucson, Ariz. 85716.

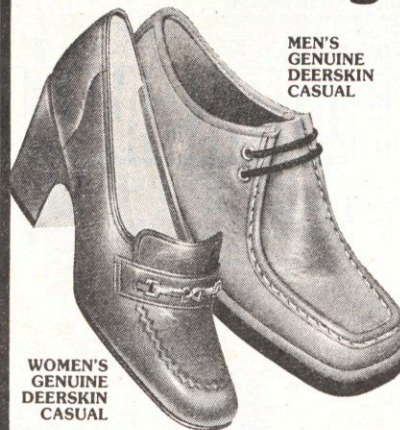
.6th Marine Div., 22nd Marines, 2nd Bn., Co. G, 3rd Pltn. (Okinawa, 1945)—Need to contact Richard M. Rupe, others who made first assault on Sugar Loaf Hill the afternoon of May 12, 1945.—Edmund H. De Mar, 5 Spiney Cove Dr., Kittery, Maine 03904.

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Glasgow AFB, Mont., Munitions Mnt. Sqdr. (January, 1967)—Need to contact John A. Imbler or persons knowing his whereabouts.—Bob Olsen, 856 E. 7th St., Russell, Kans. 67665.

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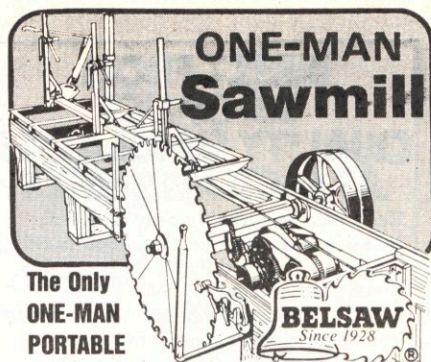


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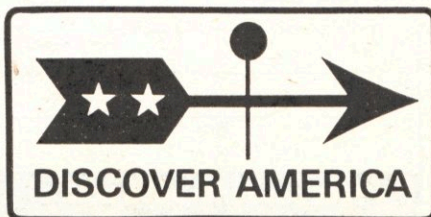
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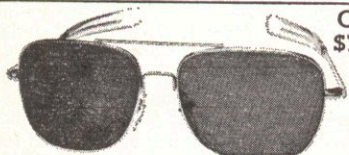
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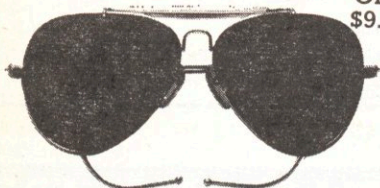
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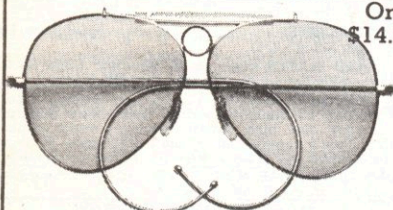
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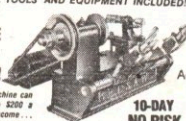
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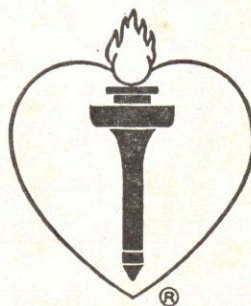
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Setting the Stage by Edward Doyle, Samuel Lipsman and the editors of the Boston Publishing Co., 306 Dartmouth Street, Boston, Mass. 02116, 191 pages, \$11.95 if purchased directly, \$13.70 otherwise. This is the first in a projected three-volume series—"The Vietnam Experience."

Profusely illustrated, "Setting the Stage" begins with the final days of the Republic of Vietnam, its collapse and ultimate defeat by the Communists. It details the history, discusses the culture of the people and concludes with the events of 1945, the last year of World War II.

Much light is shed on leading figures such as Ho and Diem and French colonialism and the Japanese WWII role in what was then French Indo-China. The second in the series, *Passing the Torch*, is due out in November.

Song Vam Sat—River of Death by James Butler, Mojave Books, 128 pages, \$1.95 (paperback). Fast-paced is this fictional but accurate account of the U.S. Navy's River Patrol Force in Vietnam. Seen through the eyes of the fighting man, this work truly captures the tedium, the repetitiveness, the frustration and constant fear felt by those who patrolled Vietnam's rivers.

Aircraft Carriers of the US Navy by Stefan Terzibaschitsch, Mayflower, 319 pages, \$35. Heavily illustrated, this comprehensive volume covers all American fleet carriers from the Langley through today's Nimitz class, including those never completed. Each ship's service history is

concisely given and there is also a section devoted to carrier air groups which have embarked on American carriers.

Ed Heinemann: Combat Aircraft Designer by Edward H. Heinemann and Rosario Rausa, Naval Institute Press, 277 pages, \$18.95. This illustrated autobiographical work traces the remarkable achievements of one of America's foremost designers of combat aircraft, ranging from the Dauntless dive bomber of World War II through the versatile A-4 Skyhawks of Vietnam fame.

Modern Warship Design and Development by Norman Friedman, Mayflower, 192 pages, \$22.50. Enhanced by more than 160 photographs, this authoritative text outlines the change in design of the post-1945 warships. The author, an expert in the field of naval strategic research, also addresses the Soviet naval build-up and how it jeopardizes America's naval stature.

Sailing Ships of War: 1400-1860 by Dr. Frank Howard, Mayflower, 256 pages, \$29.95. This book is a comprehensive survey of the world's warships from the 15th century through the Civil War. Heavily illustrated, this book deals in detail with these ships' design and construction.

Ships and Aircraft of the U.S. Fleet: 1950, 1958 and 1965 Editions by James Fahey, Naval Institute Press, three booklets totaling 191 pages, \$11.95. Naval buffs and historians will benefit from the valuable statistics and information contained in these illustrated editions.

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For the first time at California State College, Stanislaus, at Turlock a joint scholarship awards ceremony was held with Commander John Shand, of Post 5059, and Cal State Veterans' Conspiracy President Larry Paul each presenting three scholarships to Veterans' Conspiracy members.

The six awards were based on participation in veterans' affairs, financial need and scholarship. In his letter to CSCS President Walter Olson, Commander John Shand wrote that Post 5059 had decided to award its three scholarships "as a token of our deep appreciation for the service and sacrifices of Vietnam Era veterans."

Veterans' Coordinator Leonard Schlitz, a Post 5059 member, commended the recipients, saying, "Your intimate involvement in veterans' affairs provides an excellent example for others to follow." This was the first year the VFW Post awarded scholarships to Veterans' Conspiracy members.



Phelps Jones, VFW Director of National Security and Foreign Affairs, presents a VFW award to graduating West Point Cadet Grant D. Steffan.

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OUTSTANDING DISTRICT COMMANDERS FOR 1980-81 visited National Headquarters in Kansas City and were honored for their achievements. They are, front row, extreme left, Jerry K. Pounders, Virginia, District 4, and Frank A. Quintes, District 21, Florida. At extreme right is Terrell L. Biggs, Sr., District 1, Tennessee. Others in the front row are Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief James R. (Bob) Currieo, Commander-in-Chief Arthur Fellwock and Adjutant Gen. Howard Vander Clute. In the second row are Assistant Adjutant Gen. Curtis Jewell, Membership Director W. Benny Bachand, David W. Arigan, District 8, West Virginia; Ken Rinewalt, District 5, Mississippi; Joseph Ross, District 19, Illinois; Irwin Whitney, District 8, Rhode Island; Robert Churchill, District 20, New Jersey; Frank Hribar, District 27, Pennsylvania; Servando Lopez, District 26, Texas, and Assistant Adjutant Gen. Edward Burnham. Not shown are Marvin D. Mundt, District 8, Colorado; Ivan D. Harrison, District 3, Georgia; Charles Denson, District 5, Kentucky; John Case, District 8, New Mexico, and Homer S. Demastus, Sr., District 9, Ohio.



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Sgt. Rock . . .

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cheap shots. Put that same soldier in his
element, the field, and you'll find some-
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doing a damned good job! A soldier who
deserves some respect from people. You
don't find the reporters out there in the
mud, rain, snow and cold getting a story,
though, and that's where the story is!"

Although Wilhelm holds a fistful of
medals, including the Bronze Star with
a "V" for Valor he won't talk about
them. It's his troops, he says, who are
important.

"Because of my name people call me
'Rock', but I'll tell you who the real
rock of the Army is," Wilhelm says, ex-
ploding with pride, "the little guys. Pri-
vate to Spec-four. When push comes to
shove they are the men who will do most
of the fighting—and dying. I'm sick of
this bellyaching about our troops—they
are too good!"

Wilhelm believes the leadership of the
past three wars and today are different,
as are the troops.

"These soldiers are worlds ahead of
the troops of the past. The leaders,
NCOs, officers and the others are also
better. The world is a complex place and
that demands smarter leaders. Men who
lead by example and not just because
of rank."

Wilhelm is thankful the Army and
Congress are letting him stay on active
duty for five more years. He believes his
past 30 years of experience, not just in
combat, but in dealing with soldiers and
their families is something he needs to
share with those who will follow him.

He has seen the Army change to one
run by professional soldiers. He is con-
vinced that training and equipment are
all-important to the future soldier, but
the individual soldier is as important.

As I left Sgt. Maj. Wilhelm, a young
sergeant who had been with me said,
"That man really is a rock. I wish we
had more like him in the Army."

That is the best tribute to 30 years a
man can get.

W&A

Good-Bye Vietnam

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So at the end of March, 1973, the last American soldiers began their exodus through Tan Son Nhut in Saigon. I left Pleiku on March 30 to visit Vietnamese friends in Saigon before a scheduled departure the following day. That night I spent alone in the deserted compounds of Camp Alpha, the in-processing compound in Saigon. This camp had introduced thousands of American soldiers to Vietnam through its friendly archway at the front gate. Thousands of our fellow Americans never made it back out under that gleaming arch.

The last night was lonely and even ghostly in that empty compound. It was littered with the ruination of mass pillaging made by the local citizens the day before I arrived. Discarded clothing and Coke cans floated in the swimming pool, now green with algae from lack of use.

In the afternoon of March 31, we took a military bus driven by a Vietnamese civilian to our awaiting C-141 aircraft, one of those which had been used to return the POWs home from Hanoi.

I sat by the window of the bus and peered out upon the familiar hot and steaming Saigon street scene. Beggars still lay lethargically on the sidewalks. Refugees swelled the streets. The bus snaked through the dense cover of humanity and darting motorscooters, rickshaws and bicycles. No one seemed to notice, or care, that this was the last busload of American soldiers to move through this city. A

small contingent of military personnel remained with the American Embassy in Saigon until the country fell to the Communists in the spring of 1975.

I could not help but muse how this scene had remained the same and the country had remained pretty much unaffected by all the sacrifice the Americans had laid upon this Oriental altar. It was the same feeling that I, along with many other Vietnam veterans, experienced some two years later as we sat before our television screens and watched sadly and helplessly as those very streets gave way to the marching feet and clanking tank treads of the North Vietnamese.

On the airstrip the bus pulled to a halt. Upon disembarking from the bus, we were confronted with the microphones and cameras of numerous news networks covering this departure of the last plane load of American soldiers from Vietnam. Standing in line to board, I noticed three other American soldiers directly behind me in line. They were the only ones between me and my being the last American soldier to leave Vietnam. The thought flashed across my mind to move out of line and let them pass in order to claim this questionable honor for myself. That notion quickly passed, however, and I kept my place and moved onto the plane. It didn't seem important at that time. And, after all, it never paid to take chances, however small, in the Nam.

A former Army captain in Vietnam, the writer is an attorney in Eddyville, Ky.

Flame . . .

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goodness in them and knows that if given the chance, they'll pass on his kindness to someone else.

Over the years Charlie has sponsored six orphans, children from India, Korea and the Holy Land, and a Navajo boy from Tulsa, two widows from the Holy Land and an evangelist from South Africa through various charitable organizations. His contributions have averaged close to \$3,000 a year on a salary that started at \$9,000. He sent \$1,500 to a family in a Communist country that was being persecuted for religious faith.

That was the only time in his life that he went into debt and paying his bills has never been easy, but Charlie feels it is all worth while. Needless to say, he has never saved any money.

"My name must be on every mailing list in the country," he admits, "I can't give to them all, but it's just so difficult to say no."

The sun emerges suddenly and the shadow of the huge right arm of Liberty drapes over Charlie like an ornamental sash running from shoulder to waist. He shrugs and admits that he is concerned about the future, but his sincerity makes it clear he is a citizen all Americans can be proud of.

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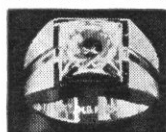


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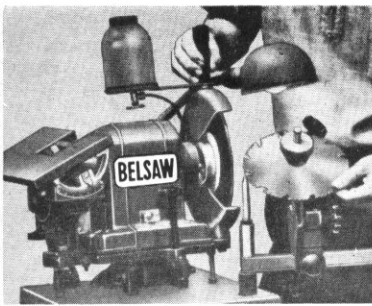
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were scheduled. More than 1,000 veterans were placed in the VA's ambulatory care program, eight were admitted to the Minneapolis VA hospital and 53 were scheduled for future appointments.

By last spring, 12,354 had been examined in the VA's Minnesota Region.

In Wisconsin, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Health and Social Services developed a questionnaire that was sent to 58,000 Vietnam veterans. Responses came in from 23,000.

Of those who answered, 81% said they may have been exposed to Agent Orange, 66% were unsure, 15% said they definitely were exposed and 19% said there was no likelihood of their having been exposed to the defoliant.

Up to last spring, 6,000 claims for Agent Orange-related disabilities had been filed with the Veterans Administration from Wisconsin veterans. Six were approved, four of them for chloracne, and the VA did discover many with other service connected conditions during Agent Orange examinations.

In Louisiana, the Department of Veterans Affairs has been assigned to work on an individual basis with any veteran who may have been an Agent Orange victim.

Oklahoma reports that up to last spring 215 veterans had contacted the VA or the State Department of Veterans Affairs for Agent Orange testing.

In Illinois, the State Legislature recently passed a bill establishing the Agent Orange Victims Commission to study the effects of Agent Orange and provide counseling and support for veterans exposed to the defoliant. A second bill was passed to appropriate \$100,000 for the commission's work. Both bills had the support of the Department of Illinois. The VFW also urged Gov. James R. Thompson to sign the bills into law.

Immediately after a rally with VFW participation on the Texas State Capitol steps in Austin welcoming Vietnam veterans home last May, the State Legislature passed a VFW-supported bill calling for a study of the health effects of Agent Orange, genetic screening of possible victims and for the

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state attorney general to sue the federal government, if necessary, for information on the defoliant.

The Department of Texas has two full-time employees each at the VA Regional Offices in Waco and Houston to assist veterans with Agent Orange problems. Department Service Officers conduct instructional sessions at District Post and Auxiliary meetings.

Veterans who believe they were affected by Agent Orange are referred by Department staffers to the VA's Olin E. Teague Medical Center in Temple.

In California, a bill endorsed by the VFW Department of California to establish an outreach program to identify state veterans was passed by the Assembly in April, 74 to 0, and is now before the State Senate waiting committee assignment. Cost of the project is expected to be about \$65,000.

Under the provisions of Assemblyman Patrick Nolan's bill, the state would assist veterans in pressing their claims growing out of Agent Orange exposure before the VA.

Maine recently formed the Maine Agent Orange Information Committee, composed of representatives of the Department of Human Services, which will print and distribute information on the herbicide; the state's Poison Control Division, the VA, the major veterans' organizations, and a legislator representing the governor.

The Department of Nebraska has published several articles on Agent Orange in its newspaper and distributed information on the VA program to identify possible victims.

Delaware received the New Jersey legislative package and it is being worked up for legislative action by the state.

Despite strong support from the VFW, a bill to establish a state commission in Maryland failed in the final moments of the state's legislative session because insufficient time remained to act on Senate amendments to the House-passed bill.

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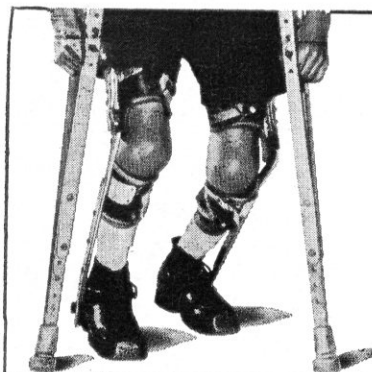
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Yorktown . . .

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sent the young Marquis de Lafayette, the Baron von Steuben and Gen. Anthony Wayne to Virginia. A few days later Cornwallis reached Petersburg on May 20 to take command of British forces in the Old Dominion.

The Spring and summer of 1781 were spent in Virginia with Lafayette harrying Cornwallis's troops, but Wayne was nearly defeated in an ambush at Jamestown Ford.

Sir Henry Clinton, the overall British commander, sent Cornwallis to occupy the tip of Virginia peninsula, a movement he made in August to Yorktown with 7,000 troops. His plans were to keep a link by sea with Clinton in New York. Lafayette, with 4,500 men, carefully moved to nearby West Point, Va., and watched the British operations.

Rochambeau and Washington, near New York, decided that British strength lay in New York and Chesapeake Bay. A French fleet under de Grasse would cut the communications between Cornwallis and Clinton. De Grasse also had on board 3,000 troops. On Aug. 21, Washington began his march south before Clinton realized what was going on. De Grasse arrived near Yorktown on Aug. 30 and his troops reinforced Lafayette's. Later de Grasse repulsed a British fleet under Adm. Thomas Graves.

French ships transported most of Washington and Rochambeau's troops to Yorktown and on Sept. 28 the 9,500 Americans and 7,800 French were able to begin the siege of Yorktown. Cornwallis had 8,000 men. Early in the siege, he abandoned some outlying fortifications under the impression, resulting from a message from Clinton, that he would be relieved soon by 5,000 more troops.

During the first week of the siege, the Americans and French built equipment for advancing on the British positions and brought up heavy guns. The British occasionally sallied forth to harass.

By Oct. 9, enough guns had been emplaced to begin a regular bombardment. Washington fired the first shot from American guns, although a French battery can claim to have let go with the initial barrage.

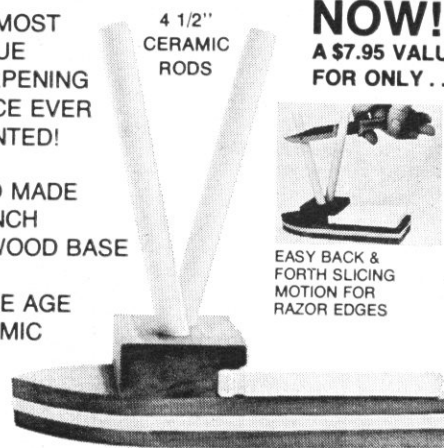
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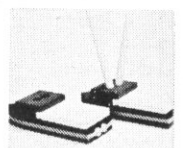
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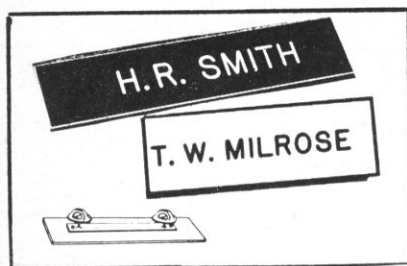
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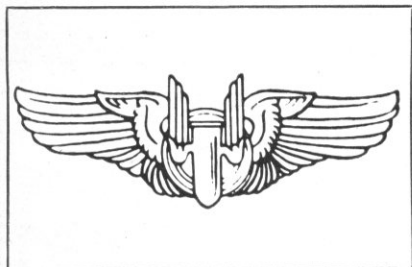
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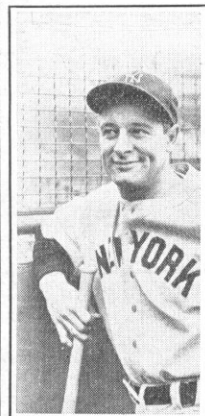
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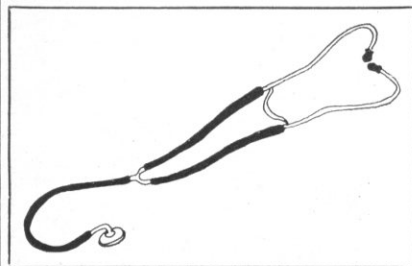
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The firing of Oct. 9 and 10 was so severe that Cornwallis wrote Clinton that he had lost 100 men and damage to the fortifications was extensive.

After three or four days of this, it came the turn of the infantry to do its share. Some 400 Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut and New Hampshire men, commanded by Alexander Hamilton, and 400 French troops set out for a night attack on Oct. 14. The Hessian defenders surrendered to the French early in the assault. The Americans attacked with unloaded muskets and fixed bayonets and gained their objectives. In a subsequent counter-attack, the British damaged seven cannons, but were driven back by the French.

If Cornwallis could get his men across the York River to Gloucester, he might be able to escape north to New York, the British general reasoned. On the night of Oct. 16 he managed to get some across in small boats, but a storm came up that prevented them from returning and drove some all the way down the river.

The bombardment resumed the next day, destroying the British works. Adding to the situation's hopelessness, the ammunition had been exhausted. So on Oct. 17 a red-coated drummer mounted a parapet and began beating the signal for a parley. No one could hear, but he was visible and his message was clear. The cannonade ceased. A British officer with a white handkerchief approached the American lines where he was blindfolded and taken to Washington, who refused any terms but complete surrender. Cornwallis agreed.

The surrender, however, did not end all the fighting. The rest of the South had to be cleared of British forces, Greene carried out this mission. Savannah was taken July 11, 1782, and Charleston on Dec. 14.

Peace negotiations were begun on April 12, 1782, and British troops were concentrated in New York. Indian raids led by the traitor Simon Girty worried the Kentucky frontier in August, but Daniel Boone beat them off.

It was not until Sept. 3, 1783, that the definitive Treaty of Paris ended the Revolution or until Nov. 23, 1783, that the British left New York, more than two years after Yorktown.

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Recent Books

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Eisenhower's Lieutenants: The Campaign of France and Germany, 1944-1945 by Russell F. Weigley, Indiana University Press, 800 pages, \$22.50. Readable is this fascinating account of the climactic campaign in northwestern Europe, from the planning of D-Day through the German surrender, with an interesting focus on the personalities involved in shaping the allied forces, plans and operations.

Gavin: A Biography of General James M. Gavin by Bradley Biggs, The Shoe String Press, 182 pages, \$17.50. This is the story of a remarkable soldier-statesman whose love of country compelled him to point out ill-advised military and bureaucratic decisions which jeopardized America's strength and security.

Island "X"—Okinawa by William P. Simpson, The Christopher Publishing House, 271 pages, \$9.75. This work provides a first-hand picture of the men and machines who handled the cargo, made the roads and shipped urgently needed supplies to every theater of war. Most veterans will readily identify with the events described and the many related anecdotes.

The Cactus Air Force by Thomas G. Miller, Jr., Bantam, 272 pages, \$2.50 (paperback). This is the true story of America's first offensive campaign in the Pacific where a small band of Army, Navy and Marine pilots fought off four successive Japanese attacks against Guadalcanal.

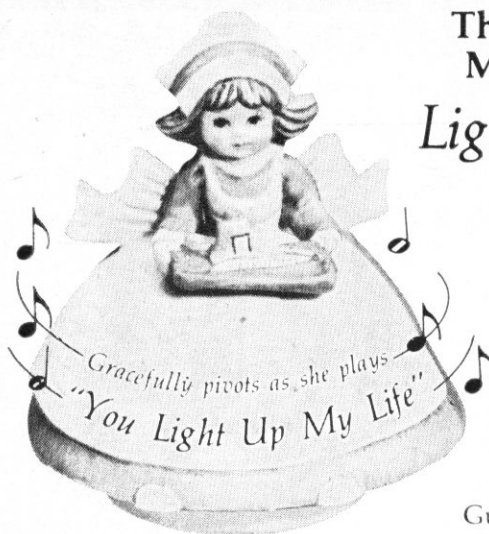
Morotai: A Memoir of War by John Boeman, Doubleday, 279 pages, \$12.95. This true story takes the reader on 20 grueling bombing missions against Japanese strongholds in the Pacific during World War II.

. . . A Matter of Time by Robert H. Firth, Adams Press, 143 pages, \$5.25 plus \$1.25 postage and handling (available from Cellar Book Shop, 18090 Wyoming, Detroit, Mich. 48221). This work vividly recounts the fall of the Philippines early in World War II, the battles of Bataan and Corregidor and the role played by PT boats against the Japanese.

U-Boat 977 by Heinz Schaeffer, Bantam, 190 pages, \$2.50 (paperback). This work offers a true account of what it was like to serve aboard a U-Boat during World War II.

Clear the Bridge by Richard H. O'Kane, Bantam, 477 pages, \$3.95 (paperback). This is the true story of the brief but illustrious career of the submarine, USS Tang, as told by her skipper, one of the few to survive her sinking by one of her own errant torpedoes.

Red Sun Setting: The Battle of the Philippine Sea by William T. Y'Blood, Naval Institute Press, 257 pages, \$18.95. This thoroughly researched work tells the story of one of the major turning points of World War II as witnessed by the fliers and sailors who were there on the firing line.



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mium, copper and nickel were gradually eliminated from the new models in ways that car collectors are still discovering today. The auto industry was changing rapidly from day to day. Even aluminum was used sparingly because it was important in aircraft production. Many automakers switched back to cast iron or steel for pistons, though Chevrolet, Ford and Pontiac had used ferrous material in their pistons for years. The heavier iron material required stronger bearings, mains and connecting rods. In many cases, engine speed was lowered and horsepower dropped. But the automakers used good old American ingenuity to get the toughest cars possible to a war-scared market. Who knew when World War II would shut down assembly lines completely?

Manufacturers advertised their cars proudly, despite the problems, and even boasted of innovations, with defense as the major theme. Oldsmobile announced its "B-44", complete with "Double Duty" bumpers, "Fuselage" fenders, and "Dreadnought" frame along with an engine of greater "firepower." This car even had a B-44 medal on the grille. What a hot collector car an Olds B-44 is today.

Mercury also had a defense theme: the "Airplane Engineered Mercury Eight." And how true it was for the industry. Automotive historians consider the early 40s as a time when the mass production technology of the auto industry, perfected since the Model T days of Henry Ford, merged with the infant aviation industry, with its advanced engineering and design ideas.

Hand in hand with these defense themes were the thriftiness and durability of the new '42 models. Even Cadillac boasted, "You can THRIFTILY come up to Cadillac," claiming 14 to 17 mpg. The new Ford was called "An unusual car for these unusual times" in which "new materials have replaced old ones but in every case the new is equal to or better than the old!" Nash boasted 25 to 30 mpg, and over 500 miles per tankful. And Dodge said its car is a "basic investment for the years to come." Well, it would have to be. Soon auto production would stop completely. Plymouth followed with the same logic and advised, "Buy Wisely".

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The real gas savers of the year, however, were the two-cylinder Crosley and the Willys Americar. Willys argued for special consideration from the government, since its cars were really stingy with a gallon of gas and required less steel to make—a thousand pounds less than a Chevrolet. But soon Willys was engulfed with orders to build Jeeps and the Americar was forgotten. Both the Americar and the two-cylinder Crosley were last produced in 1942.

When war finally struck the U.S. in December, the nation acted quickly, with a zeal unique in the world. On Jan. 1, Washington ordered the assembly plants to build for another month to use up their stockpiled engines, sheetmetal and other parts. The idea was to turn out as many cars as possible to last for the duration. However, high priority metals were now absolutely forbidden except in cases where they had already been used in stockpiled parts. These last cars were to be minus their usual brightwork and even when a rare piece of chrome trim was used (except for bumpers), it was to be painted. These cars, produced in about the last month or so, have become known among old car collectors as "blackouts." Outside trim pieces were usually baked enamel over metal which was painted a dark color. After chromium was halted, Nash plated its brightwork with plastic. Even on the inside, bright, chromed metals were replaced by wood and plastics. It is a fascinating story, and one that is still coming to light, how the automakers worked 24 hours a day, with new engineering personnel, hired on an hour's notice, designing the high priority metals from manufacture.

When production ended in February, exactly 1,175,484 cars had been built for the '42 model year, about a fifth the total for 1941. Tens of thousands of new cars went into storage, later released to high priority buyers during the war. The automakers had done an outstanding job. When the war began, they were ready. Each auto company could show two, three, four, some even a dozen factories cranking out armaments for the Allies.

After the war, the '42 models were in demand for a time, but during the 50s, they became less desirable than

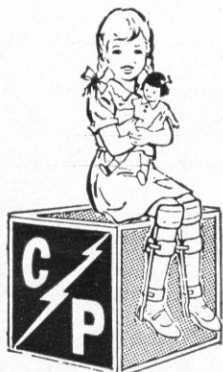
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many others. The blackouts, especially hated, were the first junked if they needed much repair. Today any 1942 model is rare, especially the blackouts. They are interesting cars in today's times and recently have increased tremendously in popularity among antique car enthusiasts. Inspecting the original equipment of a '42 model can turn up a host of war saving measures from plastic on the dash to the blackout trim on the outside. These last blackouts came from the factory without spare tires. That was another war saving measure.

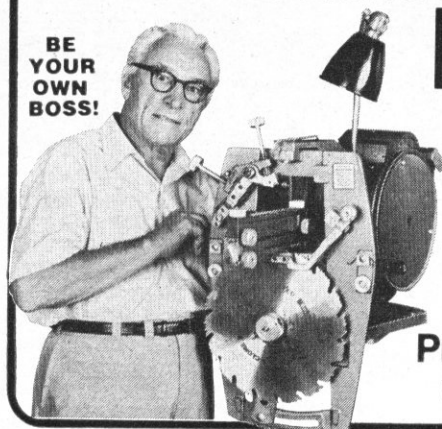
Back in the 40s, a strong, diversified auto industry became the backbone of defense. But how soon some of us forget the contributions of the automakers. Well, a look at the '42 model crop should jar the memory of many and educate some of the younger generation. Perhaps soon we will need the mass production technology of the automakers. We already have lost Packard, Studebaker, Nash, Hudson, Crosley and others that were here in the 40s. Automotive historians have called Packard "The car we couldn't afford to lose." Think about it. Can we afford to lose the creative genius of another auto manufacturer?

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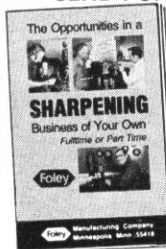
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FIND YOUR EXACT SIZE ON THIS CHART	5 1/2	6	6 1/2	7	7 1/2	8	8 1/2	9	9 1/2	10	10 1/2	11	12	13
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(Please add \$1 per pair for EEE)

COLOR & STYLE	QTY.	SIZE	WIDTH
Mahogany Boot	G		
Black Boot	H		
Brown Loafer	T		
Black Cobra Loafer	P		
Black Oxford	S		
2-Tone Monk Strap	C		